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Haylift crosses denominational lines

By Bill Bangham

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, Wis. (BP) boxcars stood motionless, a symbol of people responding to the needs of others. By evening they were clattering drought-stricken farmers in Georgia.

Before the train departed, flat-bed tractor-trailers, each stacked high with 500 bales, pulled alongside the boxcars, were quickly unloaded and moved off to be replaced by others. Volunteers raced the arrival of the locomotive that took the cars south.

It's an unheard of event - the cooperative effort of Catholic laymen, Southern Baptist and independent Baptist volunteers, three corporations, and two Southern Baptist agencies.

The hay was donated by farmers from German-Catholic communities across the Mississippi River in northeastern Iowa. Their efforts were organized through the Knights of Columbus, the Roman Catholic men's organization.

Baptist Men - Southern Baptists' laymen's organization - of the Iowa, Georgia, and Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist conventions provided the link between the Iowa and Georgia farmers and are coordinating their efforts through the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn.

The hay was transported the 60 miles to Prairie du Chien from Iowa sons donated their time.

The boxcars were provided and appreciated the help of Jim Edge, a were transported free to Georgia by On a remote railroad siding on the the Burlington Northern and Norfolk outskirts of Prairie du Chien, Wis., 15 Southern railroads. They were loaded by independent and Southern Baptist volunteers.

It has been an ecumenical, crosssouth, stuffed with 200 tons of hay for cultural, cross-sectional, religioussecular effort. Distinctions have seemed to evaporate in the sweat of the men and dissipate with the blowing chaff.

> "We've got the hay here. We just don't have the funds to get it out where it's needed," said Devere Manderfield, a Waucoma, Iowa, farmer who coordinated the relief effort through the Knights of Columbus. "It's as simple as that."

Iowa farmers have a bumper crop of hay this year and are willing to donate it to those in need.

When Manderfield received an inquiry for hay from Cameron Byler, director of Baptist Men and disaster response coordinator at the Brotherhood Commission, he saw a ray of hope. Byler's inquiry came through Gary Hargrove, Brotherhood director for Iowa Baptists.

"I thought . . . wouldn't it be great if we could get the Knights of Columbus together and get it down to Georgia," said Manderfield. "We're going to trust the Baptists to see this hay gets to the little guys.'

Russell Bode, pastor of independent Bible Baptist Church in Prairie du Chien, said he feels the same rumors by trucker Glen Wittenburg. Southern have hampered his efforts to get Baptist Home Mission Board disaster volunteers to help load hay into the relief funds covered the expenses of boxcars. He replied heavily on his men at half-rate. He and his two laymen from his church, a pitchfork's throw from the loading site. And he

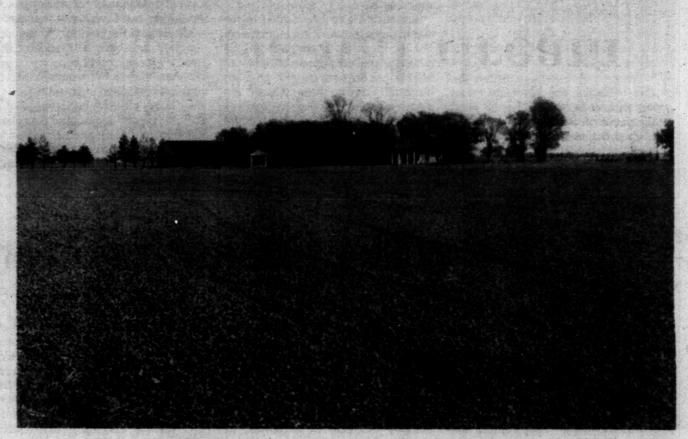
Home Mission Board church planter apprentice, and Bruce Johnson, a Southern Baptist lawyer and businessman from La Crosse, Wis.

"This is Christians helping Christians," Bode told people. "We'll just trust the Lord to work things out."

When the hay arrives in Georgia, Bob Greene, director of Baptist Men for the state, will supervise its distribution. Baptist Men, working with local directors of missions, area missionaries and local farmers, will distribute it from six locations across 15 countries.

"We're going to make our best attempt to get it into the hands of the little guy, those really in need," said Greene. "Race, religion, or creed won't enter into it."

Bill Bangham writes for the **Brotherhood Commission.**



Morrison Chapel, Cleveland

The lines in the plowed field point to Morrison Chapel Baptist Church. The plowed field also provides the setting for the rural church just outside Cleveland, Miss. The picture was taken before planting time, and now vegetation may partly obscure the building. Photo by Don McGregor

Work in China fulfills age-old dream

By Orville Scott

AUSTIN, Texas (BP) - No one is too old to be an English teacher in China, believes 84-year-old Lola Mae Daniel, a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

Daniel's opportunity to teach English for a year in Zheng Zhou in the People's Republic of China came 78 years after she first announced her intentions to serve in China.

As a 6-year-old in Dublin, Texas, where her father was pastor of First Baptist Church, she was helping her mother and some other women pack boxes for a missionary going to China. "I told them they could pack a box for me too, because someday I was going to China," Daniel recalls.

As a high school senior, she stood in the church where her father was pastor and announced her intentions. to be a missionary to China. She enrolled in Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, to prepare herself for the work, but by the time she finished, the Southern Baptist a Baptist Student Union group from

Foreign Mission Board was caught in Wayland Baptist University in Plainthe throes of the depression and had no funds to send her to teach in China.

By the time the board was financially able again, Daniel had passed the age limit. So she dedicated herself to teaching in Texas public schools to earn a teacher's retirement.

send myself," she says.

In 1941, she seemed on the verge of going to China as the wife of a young man who wanted to be a missionary in China. He was killed Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor, 18 days before they were to be married.

Through the years as she taught and worked toward her dream, Daniel spent her summers doing mission work. In Alaska, she helped establish five new churches in Anchorage, worked with Indians in Fort Yukon and conducted Vacation Bible School in Point Barrow.

In California, she was a sponsor for

view, Texas, conducting Vacation Bible Schools during the day and youth revivals at night.

She spent two summers working with the Billy Graham evangelistic team as a counselor and office worker.

In her late 50s, while she was "Then, if the mission board didn't teaching in Ozona in West Texas, she and me to China, I could afford to began wondering one Saturday night how much longer she would have to wait to be a missionary in China.

"I knew if I got to be 60, I'd never go," she remembers. "The next morning I told the pastor I was going to China. People in the church thought I'd lost my marbles.'

Soon afterward, she read in the Baptist Standard, newsjournal of the **Baptist General Convention of Texas,** that missionaries were needed in Taiwan and over-age people could apply. She applied and began making her own arrangements to go, in case she was turned down.

"They called on the 18th of the taught for another year.

ed," she says. "I was the first one appointed under the new over-age program. They named me a 'missionary associate' because of my age - I lacked a month being 60.

"They wanted to know when I could be ready to leave. I answered, 'Tomorrow.' They said that was impossible because I would have to get my things ready to ship. I said, 'I've already shipped them.'

"They objected that they couldn't make flight arrangements that soon. said, 'I've already made them.'

"I left for Taiwan at 9:45 the next morning. The next week, they changed the rules. Nobody over 58 could apply."

Daniel taught English at a mission school during the day and Bible school at night. When she reached the mandatory retirement age of 70, she stayed and taught two more years on her own. After returning to the United

States, she returned to Taiwan and

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taught in Christian schools in San Antonio until last May when she retired after 62 years as a teacher.

Then she learned universities in the People's Republic of China were enlisting teachers. She applied immediately, although she feared she might be turned down because of her age.

She knew her lifelong dream was coming true when she received the call to "Pack your bags. You're been accepted."

"I've been on cloud nine ever since. You know in China, they reverence age," she says with a twinkle.

Daniel will teach in a hotel in Zheng Zhou with three other teachers, the youngest of whom is 28.

"A lot of things have come up over the years, but I'm thankful for even the hardships because they strenghtened my faith," she says.

'It makes me happy to go at any age, knowing that's what the Lord wanted me to do."

Scott writes for Texas Baptists.

Editorials . . . by Don McGregor Facts and

Thank you, Mississippi Baptists

Two days following my 10th anniversary as editor of the Baptist Record, which was Sept. 1, I suddenly remembered that those 10 years, indeed, had passed. To the staff member who was standing in the room at the time, I remarked something to the effect that my 10th anniversary had passed, and I almost had forgotten about it.

The staff, however, didn't forget.

Anne McWilliams, the assistant editor, wrote a very nice story without my knowledge of her doing it and was able to get it scheduled for publication before I knew it. There has been a rule that the editor's picture would not appear in the paper. But Anne had it going before it was discovered by the editor.

The story included also the fact that Tim Nicholas, the associate editor, will observe his 10th anniversary with the paper on Sept. 20.

Then the staff worked out a very nice luncheon for the two of us at the University Club in downtown Jackson.

This is a wonderful place to eat, but tion for his bringing me on the staff those of us on the staff are not accustomed to eating there. Due to the good graces of a fine Baptist layman, however, it was accomplished. It was, indeed, delicious.

I am sure that I speak for Tim Nicholas as well as myself as I try to express our appreciation to the staff of the Baptist Record for the kindness and good wishes of the folks who work here. Also, of course, we would want to express our appreciation to the layman whose membership in the University Club made the lunch more meaningful.

Something else also added to the significance, but we'll get to that later. For the moment, let me take this occasion to express appreciation also to Mississippi Baptists for your gracious hospitality during these 10 years and even before, for I served two years as associate editor with former editor Joe Odle before his retirement. And while he is no longer with us, I must use this occasion to express apprecia-

of the Baptist Record in September of

I have worked harder here than I had ever worked before in my 30 years in Southern Baptist journalism. But it has been a very enjoyable task. The people of Mississippi, Baptist and otherwise, have been most gracious. The staff has been a delight to work with. The other folks in the Baptist Building have been very supportive. It has been nice, and I have been and am enjoying this opportunity greatly.

At this point there is not much of a way of adequately expressing appreciation, but I must say thank you to Mississippi Baptists for this opportunity. It has been a wonderful experience for me, and I hope my being here has been to some degree meaningful for Baptists in the state.

As was mentioned, there was another aspect of the luncheon that added to the significance. It proved to be somewhat embarrassing, but I lost the staff of the Baptist Record in the

Trends article >

An editorial in the Baptist Record among Southern Baptists. on Sept. 4 mentioned that the elected trustees of the Sunday School Board had tabled a motion that would have asked board president Lloyd Elder to apologize for the fact that a Sunday School Board publication, Facts and Trends, had published an article by James L. Sullivan, a former president of the board, in which Sullivan had noted his views of current conditions

In the interest of clarity, it should be noted that on the next day the board adopted a motion that noted that the article by Sullivan did not reflect the position of the trustees.

The entire story was in the Baptist Record of Aug. 14. The lack of mention of the second motion in the editorial, however, may have caused some amount of confusion.

parking garage.

I have a station wagon, so we allwent to lunch in it. We thought we had noted carefully where we had parked; but when time came to go back, we found we were in the wrong place or somebody had stolen the car. I felt that nobody else would want my station wagon, so it must still be in the building. While the staff members gathered to wait, I went to search for the car. I found the car, but I thought I might never see the staff again. I searched the building three times, leaving and re-entering twice. But they were not to be found.

In the meantime, the members of the staff, except for one who had finally decided to walk back, could see me making the rounds but could not figure out any way of getting in touch with me.

Finally they went down to the exit and waited, figuring that eventually I would have to leave the building one more time. Indeed, once you get started leaving a parking building, you don't have much choice. You

So that's where we were re-united. Parking building are confusing.

Nevertheless, it was a very nice anniversary observation; and I have enjoyed my 10 years greatly.

Thank you, Mississippi Baptists.

Guest opinion . . .

William Carey: cobbler missionary

By Tommy King

In Calcutta, India, a tired born into the right time and place to pedestrian turns aside from the heat and bustle of the city to enjoy the serenity of the botanical garden. Resting in the shade of an ancient vine whose branches form an unbrella overhead, his gaze falls upon the bust of a little-known Englishman who planted this, the first such park in all of India. Little does he know that the Botanical Garden of Calcutta is but one of William Carey's contributions to India and the world.

Born on August 17, 1761 - twohundred-and twenty-five years ago to a weaver in Paulersbury, a pleasant little English villege in the agricultural county of Northamptonshire, Carey had little prospect of making much of his life. But he had the providential good fortune of being

mold him for the work that he was to do. In the weaver's cottage he learned the patience and persistence necessary to weave a beautiful tapestry. This lesson was the controlling factor of his life. His sister said of Carey, "Whatever he attempts, he achieves. He never gives up." Carey said of himself, "I can plod, and to that I owe it all.'

When William was six his family moved from their small cottage to the village school, where his father had been appointed schoolmaster. The family lived in one part of the building, and his father taught the village children in the other. It was here that Carey's love for learning had its birth. He loved to read, and read all the books that he could get his

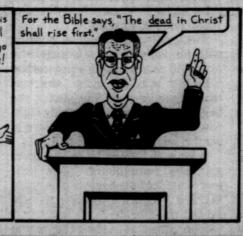
hands on. His reading interests ranged from the adventures of Columbus to the Bible and Pilgrims Progress. His love for adventure was shown in his constant talk of the explorer of the new world, so much so that the village boys gave him the nickname, "Columbus." He was also apt in arithmetic and could often be heard "cashing accounts" late at night after the family had retired. He was so well versed in the Bible that the village children often said to him, "Well if you won't play with us, preach us a sermon," whereupon William would mount a stump and whail away.

Carey was also a lover of nature. He spent long hours in the nearby Royal Whittlebury Forest where he became well acquainted with the plants and animals. His little room in the family cottage was filled with plants, insects, and birds. He became well known in the village for his knowledge of natural history; and if a question arose about some flower, insect, or bird, William was sought out. "Take it to Bill Carey. He'll tell you all about the villagers.

At the age of 12 William left school in the custom of his day and became a gardner in order to earn at least a part of his living. But due to a severe allergy to sunlight, which left him with a painful rash, he had to give up this pursuit. In later years Carey wrote that he learned a valuable lesson from his farming years which was a help to him throughout his life. He learned that if one wants a straight furrow when plowing "he must set his eyes on a definite mark." After leaving farming Carey became apprentice to a shoemaker, and he eventually became a cobbler. He was first introduced to the thinking of the dissenters by a fellow apprentice. The shop was located, has been called "Carey's College," for, in common with was a meeting place for scholars and ready debaters. In these debates with dissenters Carey was exposed for the first time to "experimental" religion. He had been born into a Church of

England home and had been confirmed without much thought about it. But not until he met the dissenters had it occurred to him that religion was to have a practical influence on a person's life. At the age of 17 Carey made a break with the established church. it," became a familiar strain among His identification with Baptists did not come until the age of 22, when he read a pamphlet by Robert Hall. After reading the pamphlet Carey applied to Rev. John Ryland and was baptized in the River Nen. He was "recommended" by the Baptist church at Olney and pastored several churches in the area, constantly reminding his hearers of their missionary obligations. He became pastor of Moulton, where the pay was such a pittance that Carey had to once again become a shoemaker in order to support his growing family. It was in the cobbler's shop at Moulton that Carey's missionary passion grew into an obsession. He had a huge hand-made map of the world on the wall over his cobbler's bench, and it was at the cobbler's bench that he worked late at little house of Hackleton, where the night, after the labor of the day was completed, to sketch a pattern for world missions. In his famous little many another cobbler's workshop, it book, An Enquiry into the Obligations of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of the Heathens, Carey declared the great commission, which had never yet been fulfilled, to be as (Continued on page 5)





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The Mississippi Mission

Baptist services: "On uncommon level"

By Tim Nicholas

Harry Vickery calls himself "just one of the cogs in the wheel." But it's a pretty big wheel. Vickery, a layman from Greenville, is general chairman of the Mississippi Mission, a campaign to raise \$40 million in endowment funds for the three Baptist colleges in Mississippi and the Baptist Children's Village.

Vickery, an automobile dealer in Greenville, is responsible for the four divisions of the campaign which involves hundreds of volunteers across the state, particularly in the church gifts division, which is taking the campaign directly to Mississippi Baptist churches this fall.

"It's a good thing I'm an automobile

dealer," quips Vickery, "because I've worn out an automobile going to Jackson." The campaign staff, employed by Ketcham, Inc., is headquartered in Jackson.

Mississippi Baptists," says Vickery. They own the colleges and the child care facility. Through them they say to the world "here is Christian higher education and here is child care on an uncommon level."

A graduate of Mississippi College, Vickery is on his third term on MC's trustee board. All three of his children have gone to MC where his youngest daughter is a senior. His wife is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

Vickery gets most ecstatic concerning the staffs of the four institutions as they relate to the endowment campaign. "All four institutions exceeded their goal in the family gifts division," "This is a campaign that belongs to says Vickery. "A number of these people gave over 10 percent of their income to the campaign and we're talking about people who are already committed in the Christian community to tithing."

He notes, "We have professors in our colleges who are paid on a scale that is less than a high school teacher in many of the communities around the state that have an outstanding school system." Says Vickery, "That really speaks volumes."

Part of the endowment campaign, he points out, has been inaugurated to do something about the salary structure.

Vickery also laments the physical plant problems of maintenance. "You could pour the whole \$40 million within the confines of the buildings and drive by and not see the evidence of a penny being spent," he says. "We have neglected the maintenance of our buildings in upgrading and air conditioning."

Although he says he believes he sounds like a politician, he is bothered by seeing "hundreds of beautiful (church) buildings, edifices, family

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Harry Vickery

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RTVC restructures debt; obtains \$10 million loan

By Dan Martin

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) - A \$10 million loan to restructure debt incurred with the start and operation of the American Christian Television System has been obtained by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The loan, which will allow the commission to refinance \$8,516,000 in short-term loans and general obligation notes, also will provide slightly more than \$1 million for operation of the two-year-old network.

The loan, granted by the Central Bank of Walnut Creek, Calif., was signed Aug. 22, and the commission began drawing on the proceeds almost immediately in order to consolidate outstanding indebtedness by paying four bank notes totaling \$5,292,000. In October, the commission will begin paying \$3,244,000 in general obligation notes.

Fred Roach, a Dallas homebuilder finance committee, said: "This loan

will give us breathing room. The at the time of closing was 8 percent. (debt) restructuring process puts the financial affairs of the RTVC in a more ordered way."

According to Jimmy R. Allen, president of the commission, the loan "drops the monthly debt service pressure. We will be paying about \$128,000 per month this loan and that will be about \$200,000 per month less pressure on us."

Currently, the commission pays more than \$325,000 per month on its debt and faces large lump sum payments when the general obligation notes come due.

In September of 1985, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention granted permission for the commission to seek the long-term loan as well as to conduct a \$10 million fund-raising campaign to fund the

Under terms of the loan, the comand chairman of the commission mission will pay the 1 percent above about \$1 million will go toward new the bank's prime interest rate, which,

The payments will be made for 84 months (seven years) at which time a "balloon" note of about \$3.5 million will be due. Also included are loan costs of \$175,000, of which one point -\$100,000 - is an origination fee and the remaining \$75,000 is attorney's fees and title insurance.

According to loan summary information, the commission pledged \$14,197,166 as collateral, including about \$8.5 million in real property in Fort Worth, \$3.1 million in equipment and \$2.3 in programming inventory.

Of the \$1.3 million of the loan left after the debts are paid and loan costs are met, commission trustees will consider placing \$135,000 in its general contingency reserve fund, bringing that fund to \$300,000, and adding \$50,000 per year for four years to bring the fund to \$500,000.

Of the remaining funds, Allen said (Continued on page 4)

Bandits hit Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE Haiti (BP) -Bandits raided the offices of a Baptist food warehouse here early Sept. 2, beating several workers and escaping with at least \$300.

Fifteen men, firing pistols in the air and carrying machetes and iron bars, appeared at the warehouse about 3 a.m., reported Southern Baptist missionary Jack Hancox, who arrived on the scene two hours later. The gang overpowered two guards, beat them and tied them up in a guard shack. They forced their way into the warehouse and found two members of a Haitian Baptist well drilling team sleeping in one of the offices.

workers, striking one across the shoulder with an iron bar and taking \$200 from him. They ransacked the offices looking for money and probably found about \$130, said Hancox, who noted losses still were being calculated. They also opened a safe that contained numerous checks intended for bank deposit but left the checks strewn across the floor.

"They didn't destroy anything. They just spilled everything on the floor

looking for money," Hancox said. "They stole all the keys out of the office and tried to steal one of our trucks. They couldn't get it started so they tried to hotwire it."

When that did not work, the band left the warehouse area on foot and encountered two more guards a short distance down the road. They beat the pair and escaped into some woods nearby.

Nobody was seriously hurt, Hancox said, just "scared and bruised."

The Baptist warehouse has been a target before. It was looted repeatedly during the unrest leading to the downfall early this year of the The bandits beat the two startled Duvalier government. Other relief agencies, especially Church World Service, also have been victimized. The Church World Service food warehouse was cleaned out again by looters in late August, Hancox said.

> Baptists' food and nutrition program for schools, disrupted earlier in the year by attacks on the warehouse and distribution trucks, again will be affected by the latest incident. Hancox said he temporarily cancelled a

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Home Board names new committee

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP) - A new sevenmember search committee has been appointed to nominate a president for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, replacing another committee asked to resign by a 40-36 vote of Home Mission Board directors in August before the committee had presented its first report.

New committee members were appointed unanimously by the five officers of the board, who had been asked by the directors to select a new committee "that will give fair representation and proper balance to all members of the board."

Six members of the original search committee resigned because of perceived lack of trust among board members and because they felt the board would not elect any nominee they recommended:

One of the seven committee members, M. A. Winchester, a physi-

cian from Whitley City, Ky., declined to resign as requested by the board "for reasons of personal integrity" and will continue to serve on the search committee.

According to the bylaws of the mission agency, a new president must be nominated by a search committee of not more than seven members appointed by the officers (chairman, first and second vice chairman,

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Hospital gets green light to build in DeSoto County

Health Care System, Inc., has received the green light to build a 100-bed hospital in DeSoto County, Mississippi, just south of Memphis, President Joseph H. Powell announced.

Site work for the \$14 million Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto will start this fall with the completion of the facility expected in the second quarter of 1988, Mr. Powell said.

The Mississippi Health Care Commission granted a certificate of need to Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto more than two years ago for a 100-bed acute care facility conditioned on resolution of litigation. That litigation has been resolved.

MEMPHIS - Baptist Memorial That body also approved a certificate of need for a \$2.9 million 30-bed addition for rehabilitation services in April. A \$3 million professional office building accommodating about 35 physicians also is planned.

> When fully operational, Baptist Memorial Hospital-DeSoto will employ about 300 persons. Roger Struble, vice president of the facility,

> The hospital will be constructed on a 50-acre site at the northeast corner of Goodman Road and Interstate 55 in Southaven and will provide an obstetrical service and a 24-hour emergency service, Struble added.



A group of volunteers work on Rimrock Church, Billings, Mont.

Rimrock builds sanctuary

Rimrock Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., is in the process of building a new sanctuary. Pastor Rick Sullivan and retired contractor, Bent Hauf, along with the members of Rimrock have been learning to put a building up from the foundation to the roof with inexperienced help. Through prayer, discussion and a "go-ahead" attitude they have been tackling each problem as it comes along.

A blessing has come Rimrock's way through the efforts of volunteer workers coming from sister churches to help. Northwest Association, Hernando, Miss., Broadmoor Church, Jackson, Miss., along with Carpenters for Christ in Alabama, who brought along others from Chillicothe, Ohio, have givensacrificially of themselves to work on

Rimrock Church was a mission started by Emmanuel Church in 1976. Early work consisted of morning Bible classes being held in local homes. In 1977, the little mission of 37 members started meeting in the Yellowstone Racquet Club down the street from the purchased acreage.

Since continuing in 1977, Rimrock was forced to meet in the Western Auctioneering School Building and in different members' homes. A pre-fab modular building was then purchased and placed on a cement foundation but in 1985, the members of Rimrock knew expansion had to come soon. The members voted to start looking into building and obtaining the financing. Groundbreaking services were held April 6, 1986. Work began the following week.

(Continued from page 3) shipment, paid for by Southern Baptists, of enough food from the United States to feed 16,000 children for two months. Outside shipments will be on hold until authorities can provide better security both for the warehouse and for distribution efforts, Hancox said.

In place of the U.S. shipment, he contracted for 1,000 hundred-pound sacks of Haiti corn and received a promise from the U.S. Agency for International Development for some dried Port-au-Prince.

milk and oil. "We're still going to have some stuff if we can get it out to the schools," he said.

Despite the ongoing problems, the Baptist well drilling teams have drilled 40 wells since January. They are aiming for a record of 65 drilled in one

Hancox said Haiti has been fairly. calm since violent demonstrations in June, with the exception of killings and increasingly bold attacks by bandits roaming the capital of

Un uncommon level"

(Continued from page 3) life centers that have been built. Yet when we turn around and send our young people to higher educational institutions, we are embarrassed when

substandard.'

Vickery says the staff has to "be looked," says Vickery. perpetual fundraisers to keep that institution afloat." The needs of children who enter the Village have become more acute year by year. "Christ told us pointedly to take care of them and we've done it," he says.

"This campaign sets up a vehicle to address that need to where we can takes the peaks and valleys out of their financial need and level off where they won't go over the cliff when they run out of money," says

Vickery's education relating to the needs and values of MC, Blue Mountain College, William Carey College,

and the Village, is not over. "I already knew how little we had in the way of monies to work with at MC and how frugal our president and staff had to be in order to make ends meet, but I they come back home and say it's so never really stopped to look at all four institutions at one time, nor do I Concerning the Children's Village, believe other Mississippians have

> Unless a person has a student at one of these institutions, "we have been out of sight, out of mind. Yet from these institutions there have been hundreds and thousands of people called into the ministry . . . and you can't point to another institution in the state of Mississippi where thee is even a token amount of these people."

> Vickery adds, "God can call you from three miles this side of the moon, but the large part of our God-called ministers go (to Baptist institutions) because there is understanding and commonality of purpose there to

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be shown on the network, which currently is available to about 3.9 million households in the United States through cable television systems and an estimated 800,000 homes through two full-power and four low-power

Roach said the \$1 million "is a limited amount, but it will give us some impetus. . . ." Allen said it will be "a shot in the arm . . . a major new energy for refreshing the network."

Allen said the funds will provide new production on Country Crossroads, a country music-gospel show; Life Today, a talk show; and new episodes of In Concert, Plant Groom, Primetimers, Invitation to Life, and Cope. "We are also negotiating for some situation comedies, some ethnic situation dramas, and children's programming," he said.

Both Allen and Roach said the number of households with access to ACTS has not grown as fast as anticipated and Allen said the 3.9 million cable households "is hitting our most conservative level of anticipated growth." Allen, however, said projections indicate the network will be reaching 12 million households by September of 1988, the minimum number necessary for significant advertising revenues

Two other avenues by which to raise money for the network - capital campaigns and sale of ACTS programs to other broadcasters - also have not produced the dollars anticipated. Both Roach and Allen, however, emphasized the fund-raising campaigns and

HMB names new committee

(Continued from page 3) secretary, and assistant secretary). The committee is not elected by the board, but appointed by all its officers.

In addition to Winchester, two other members of the original search committee who had resigned in August were asked to serve on the new, reconstituted committee.

Troy L. Morrison, director of church-minister relations for the Alabama Baptist State Convention in Montgomery and a member of the original committee, was appointed chairman of the new group.

Lula D. Walker, a lay leader at First Baptist Church, Beaverton, Ore., was also reappointed to the committee.

Four new members were named.

- M. O. Owens Jr., of Gastonia, N.C., retired pastor of churches in North Carolina and Belgium;

Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas; Brad Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, Duncan, Oklahoma;

Searcy S. Garrison, retired executive director of the Georgia Baptist Convention and administrator of Georgia Baptist Homes in Atlanta.

In announcing appointment of the committee during a meeting of the Home Mission Board Executive Committee, HMB chairman Clark Hutchinson of Marietta, Ga., read a brief statement from the officers pointing

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production and acquired programs to grams is being studied and will be modified.

Allen said trustees, when they met Sept. 8-9 in Fort Worth, for their regular fall meeting, were to be asked to look at both the development campaigns and the effort to sell ACTS products.

According to figures provided by the commission, the development efforts across the past year have produced \$1.9 million in pledges and actual revenues of \$922,000, including a single gift of \$400,000. The cost of the development activities has been \$1,219,000, giving the development effort a current deficit of \$297,000. Allen, however, explained only two of the capital campaigns — in Mobile, Ala., and Baton Rouge, La. - have been \$216,000. completed. Two others - in Bir-

the effort to syndicate the five pro- mingham, Ala., and Atlanta - are still in process and are expected to produce better results.

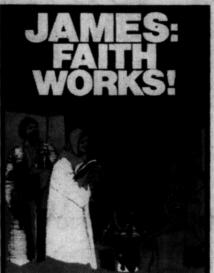
Allen said: "I had hoped to raise between \$2 million and \$3 million; and we have done nearly that, but it has cost us too much to raise it. We have been in the process of learning how to conduct capital campaigns, but the cost has been unacceptably high so

Allen said a new strategy of development is being worked out and indicated it will be presented to trustees at the September meeting.

On syndication, financial statements indicate success of the effort to sell five programs has been less than expected. Sales have amounted to \$73,000, well below the project of

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

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Speaker suggests keys to longer pastoral tenure

By Jim Lowry

GLORIETA, N.M.(BP) - Longer said. This is achieved not only tenure among Southern Baptist pastors may be due more to economics than improved skills, said Dwayne Conner, pastoral ministries consultant at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

A new study in pastoral tenure released by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board showed the average tenure for pastors in Southern Baptist churches is now 4.6 years, up from the 2.7 years in a previous study.

Conner, in a conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center on keys to longer pastorates, said the longer tenure revealed in the new study likely does not reflect any significant improvement in ministry

"There is evidence that the increase is due to economics," Conner explained. "More pastors own their homes; it is harder to sell homes between moves, and congregations face financial limitations on the amount of money they can spend to relocate ministers."

A minister moving to a new church needs between five and seven years to preacher for church members, he reason we are seeing such a high

because of time, but because the authenticity of the pastor is tested and trust is mutually achieved between the pastor and church members.

"Pastors need improved leadership skills to increase average tenure to the point where church members and the pastor can find fulfillment in a growing church," Conner said.

The tendency in the Southern Baptist Convention has been that significant contributions have been made by pastors with long, healthy tenures," he continued. "Short tenure tends to be repeating a cycle of hope and frustration.

"Pastors who only have short tenures are so absorbed in surviving that there is no fulfillment," he said. "They are always thinking the next situation will be better.'

Conflict and the failure to deal with problems are two of the primary causes of short tenure, Conner explained. Instead of dealing with conflict, many pastors find it is easier to move every three or four years and repeat the same material over and

"The quality of pastoral leadership is the key issue for Southern Baptists become the pastor and not just the right now," he said. "That is the

percentage of inactive church members.

"Ninety percent of Southern Baptist churches are not growing to any appreciable extent. I think it is at least partially because of the conflict in churches and the denomination and forced terminations," Conner claimed.

"One key to longer pastorates is a shared calling between the pastor and the church members," Conner continued. 'The pastor must be committed to the church and the church committed to the pastor. It's almost like a marriage.

There also must be a shared vision of the potential of the church through a leadership style which draws people into the dream and goals of the church," he said.

"Churches and pastors must learn to deal with conflict and not be torn apart. They must learn to win together and believe that both pastor and members have the best interests of the church at heart.

"Finally, the pastor and church members must share a sense of renewal which keeps the ministry fresh for everyone," Conner said. "This is done through constant caregiving and sharing the dream." Jim Lowry writes for BSSB.

- Revival Results

First, Coldwater, (Northwest): Aug. 17-21; Jimmy Nettles, evangelist; 24 professions of faith, two by transfer of letter, one for full time Christian service in church-related vocation; since revival, two more for baptism and two adults by letter; Bob Maddux, pastor.

-Revival Dates -

First, 1102 Hwy 49 South, Richland: Sept. 21-25; services, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.; Granville Watson, associate director of evangelism, Southwest Baptist College, and former director of missions, Sunflower Association; Bolivar, Mo., evangelist; Jim Hulon, minister of music, First, Richland, music; Irene Martin and Terri Higdon, piano and organ; high attendance day in Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday; children's night, Monday; friend and neighbor night, Tuesday; family night, Wednesday; youth night, Thursday; Ed

Byram's choir to present concerts

First Church, Byram's Sanctuary Choir will present concerts at the church Saturday evening, Sept. 20, and Sunday evening, Sept. 21. Each concert will begin at 7 p.m. They will be under direction of Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music.

Take things as they come - if you can handle them that fast.

Africa now threatened by swarms of locusts

By David Wilkinson

locusts are devouring the crops of at least six African nations, threatening to wipe out already fragile food supplies and plunge the continent back into a severe hunger crisis.

In a cruel twist of irony, the potentially devastating locust plague has been spawned by the desperately needed rains which fell earlier this

Two of the countries seriously threatened by the locust plague are Ethiopia and Mali, where foreign missionaries in recent years have utilized millions of hunger relief dollars contributed by Southern Baptists.

Also, locusts already have damaged as much as 60 percent of Chad's crops and have severely harmed crops in Botswana and central Sudan, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization reported.

produced fertile breeding grounds for insects. According to the United States Agency for International Develop- Christian Life Commission.

WASHINGTON (BP) - Swarms of ment, eggs of four major types of locusts and one species of grasshopper have begun to hatch simultaneously around the continent, creating the potential for the worst locust infestation in Africa in the last 60 years.

Once hatched, the swarms of locusts are blown about by winds. often for hundreds of miles, and can descend on crop land with virtually no warning. A swarm, which may consist of billions of insects, can eat 80,000 metric tons of cereal crops in a single

Officials at the Food and Agriculture Organization estimate a single swarm can consume in one day what 40,000 people eat in one year.

The U.S. State Department has provided an additional \$5 million for chemicals to fight the insects, and other countries also have donated aid.

Relief officials say, however, more While the rains brought relief to the aid is needed to help purchase worst drought in decades, they also pesticides and equipment for massive pest control operations.

David Wilkinson writes for the

Guest opinion: Wm. Carey, cobbler missionary

(Continued from page 2) binding on the Church in all succeeding generations as it was upon the first disciples

It was at the meeting of the Northamptonshire Baptist Association in 1792 that the seeds were planted for the formation of a missionary society to promote missions among the heathen, but it was four months later before the idea reached fruition. Carey was the chosen preacher at Northamptonshire and in his famous "Deathless Sermon" he summarized his feelings in the tremendous couplet that became the motto of his life: "Expect great things

from God, Attempt great things for

A group of likeminded pastors agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss Carey's proposal, and four months later, in the Widow Wallis' parlour at Kettering, the Baptist Missionary Society was formed. William Carey and John Thomas were appointed as the first missionaries of the society, and their field of service was to be India

Next, Carey in India.

Tommy King, a school administrator, lives in Columbia and is a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

Youth ministries workshop is set for Tiak O'Khata

Lake Tiak O'Khata will deal with trips, and "Resources, recreation, stress, recreation, Bible study, and mission trips.

The workshop, will take place Oct. 27-28 at the lodge near Louisville. The only cost involved is travel, meals, and lodging.

Leaders for the workshop include Phil Briggs and Ed Cooper. Briggs is professor of youth education at Southwestern Seminary and Cooper is pastor of First Church, Oxford.

Cooper will lead in worship services and Briggs will speak on such topics and staff relationships and on personal and family stress.

Special interest sessions include

A youth ministries workshop at ministry to parents of youths, mission trends, and Bible study."

Other program leaders include Julius Thompson, Jan Cossitt, Bruce Fields, David Ingram, Jim Didlake, Lloyd Lunceford, Susan Clark, and Sue McAllister.

Participants need to do two things: make reservation at the lodge and register for the program. For the lodge, write Lake Tiak O'Khata, Smyth Road, Louisville, Miss. 39339, or phone 773-7853. To register, write **Church Administration Department**, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

The program begins at 1:30 Oct. 27 and concludes at 12:15 the next day.



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Missionary News -

Shirley Jackson, missionary to Brazil, has arrived in the States for furlough (address: 4 Elm St., Natchez, Miss. 39120). Born in Bentonville, Ark., she grew up near Natchez. She was appointed in 1956.

Glenn and Polly Morris, missionaries to Hong Kong-Macao, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 169 Boundary St., Kowloon, Hong Kong). He is a native of Atlanta, Ga., and she is the former Polly Love of Hattiesburg, Miss. They were appointed in 1946.

Harry and Frances Raley, missionaries to Taiwan, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box 427, Taipei 10099, Taiwan ROC). He is a native of Kershaw County, S.C. The former Frances Bibb, she was born near Moorhead, Miss. They were appointed in 1954.

Karen Brown, missionary to Columbia, has arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco, de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). Native of Golden, Miss., she was appointed in

David and Melissa Chism, missionaries to Ecuador, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco, de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He was born in Tupelo, Miss. She is the former Melissa Swain of Lake Charles, La. They were appointed in 1986.

Byron and Dora Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, report a change of furlough address (8130 Fondren Rd., Houston, Texas 77074). He was born in Tuscaloosa County, Ala. She is the former Dora Dunkley of McLaurin,

Frederick and Denise Kelley, missionary associates to Morocco, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Abou Alla al'Maari 27, Tangier, Morocco). A native of Alabama, he was born in Dothan. The former Denise Mulligan, she was born in Union, Miss. They were employed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1986.

Robert and Donna Leonard, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived on the field to begin language study (address: Caixa Postal 1635, 13.100 Campinas, SP, Brazil). He was born in Buffalo, N.Y. The former. Donna Cralle, she was born in Graham, Texas, and considers Jackson, Miss., her hometown. They were appointed in 1986.

Asbury and Hope Martin, missionaries to Argentina, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco de dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He was born in Columbia, S.C., and considers Cleveland, Miss., his hometown. She is the former Hope Clements of Corinth, Miss. They were appointed in 1986.

Dickie and Diana Nelson, missionaries to Venezuela, have arrived in Costa Rica for language study (address: Apartado 100, 2350 San Francisco, de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica). He was born in Newton, Miss. The former Diana (Dee) Jennings, she was born in Chickamauga, Ga. They were appointed in 1986.

John and Sarah Perkins, missionaries to France, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: 33, rue Pablo Neruda, Clos St. Genes, 63000 Clermont-Ferrand, France). He was born in Montgomery, Ala. The former Sarah Grant, she was born in McComb, Miss. They were appointed in 1978.

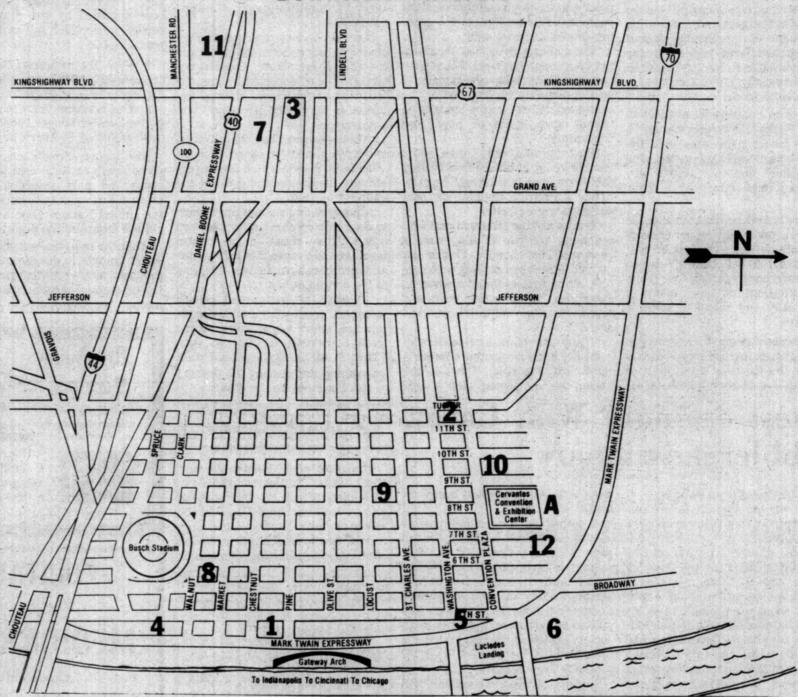
Taiwan, has arrived on the field to returned to the field (address: begin her first term of service (address: P. O. Box 427, Taipei 10099, Taiwan ROC). A native of Columbus, Miss., she was appointed in 1986.

tist representatives to Eastern They were appointed in 1982.

Susan Puckett, missionary to Europe, have completed furlough and Pacassistrasse 56, A-1130 Vienna, Austria). Born in New Orleans, La., he considers Oxford, Miss., his hometown. The former Margie Harris, she was born in Falmouth, Mass., Paul and Margie Thibodeaux, Bap- and considers Oxford her hometown.

Richard and Martha Beal, missionaries to Venezuela, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Apartado 27, Los Teques, Venezuela 2101-A). A native of Florida, he was born in Pensacola. The former Martha Lyle of Mississippi, she was born in Laurel. They were appointed in 1978.

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 - 2. Convention sessions will be held at the Cervantes Convention Center ("A" on the map).
 - 3. Woman's Missionary Union will be headquartered and meet at the Clarion Hotel.

National CP holds steady, thanks to state conventions

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) - Contributions to Southern Baptists' Cooperative Program budget continue to outpace inflation, thanks to support from state Baptist conventions.

July receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention's national unified budget totalled \$9,272,097, an increase of 6.18 percent over the same period

last year, announced Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee.

to state conventions," Bennett said. 'Churches are not increasing their gifts to the state conventions in the proportion those conventions are forwarding increases to the national Cooperative Program."

Bennett praised the work of state leaders, particularly executive directors and stewardship promotion direc-"Our increase has to be attributed tors, who are leading their conventions to grow in national giving. This comes at a time when several state conventions - whose economic are tied to agribusiness and the petrochemical industry - are feeling financial pressure close to home.

"The state convention leadership is doing a great deal of work outside the spotlight, but it is paying off," he said. For the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, Southern Baptists have contributed more than \$103.6 million to the national Cooperative Program, an increase of 6.97 percent over the same period last year. The national goal for the year is \$130 million.

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Bennett expressed "concern and optimism" about the long-term health of the Cooperative Program.

"I am concerned that Southern Baptists will remain committed to world missions through the Cooperative Program. If they do not, we will face a decline," he said.

But Planned Growth in Giving the convention's new 15-year campaign to promote systematic increases in giving on the part of Southern Baptists to their churches and on the part of churches to the Cooperative Program - has provided Bennett with a source for optimism.

Planned Growth in Giving should lead to stewardship growth in established churches, providing funds which will help those congregations establish new churches "wherever needed in the United States," he said, adding the new churches then will contribute to increased mission work.

A national Planned Growth in Giving seminar will be held in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 24-25. "The seminar is primarily designed for denominational leadership and will serve as a follow-up to the 1985 national seminars and the first year of church experiences with Planned Growth in Giving," said Cecil A. Ray, national director of the campaign.

Associations adopt expanded annuity plan

The following associations have adopted the Expanding Annuity Plan since May 22. Alcorn Sunflower

Armstrong retires

Boyd Armstrong retired Aug. 17 from the full time pastoral ministry, having served churches for 45 years, in Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky.

Armstrong will continue on a parttime basis with Shades Mountain Church, Birmingham, Ala., where he has been assistant pastor for 101/2 years, and also will do supply work and interim as the need arises, and preach revivals and lead conferences as time permits.

In Mississippi, he was pastor of Southside Church, Columbus, and director of missions in Lowndes County. A Kentuckian, he is a graduate of Georgetown College and Southern Seminary.

Armstrong has served as a member of the SBC Committee on Committees and on Alabama Baptists' Executive Board. He and his wife, Jessie, have a son who is assistant pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and two daughters. One of the daughters is married to the pastor of a Baptist church in Mississippi.

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Injured Acteen speaks first Capsules words; doctors optimistic Missionary couple beaten and robbed

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (BP) — Six months ago, 13-year-old Stefani Johnson lay in the intensive care unit of Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, unconscious and in critical condition. About two weeks ago, she spoke her first words since the March 7 car-pedestrian accident that injured her, two other Baptist Acteens, and an adult leader

"It's been a very gradual thing, but we're so thankful for each level of improvement as she reaches it," said Karen Johnson, Stefani's mother. "This represents a lot of prayers that are being answered.'

Stefani, Carrie Bass, Kelly Lynn Greene, and their counselor, Melanie Tate — all from University Baptist Church in Fort Worth - were struck by a car on the campus of Baylor University in Waco, during the state Acteens IMPACT 1986 conference in March. The driver of the car, a Baylor senior, was not injured. No charged were filed.

Both Stefanie and Carrie Bass sustained head injuries in the accident. while Kelly Lynn Greene suffered knee, tendon, and ligament damage and Tate seriously injured her legs. Although all were injured seriously, Stefani's recovery has been in ques-

mother. "We just had to watch and wait and pray a lot."

She showed no visible response to any stimulus, but a CATSCAN three days after the accident did indicate

reason for cautious optimism.

On March 29, her mother and father, Crawford Johnson, saw Stefani open her eyes, and two days later she opened her eyes for her doctor, indicating she had reached the first level of consciousness.

"From there it was a slow, slow process of gaining ground little bit by little bit," said her mother. In time, Stefani was moved to Westside Care Center in Fort Worth, where she could have around-the-clock nursing care as well as visits from physical therapists and speech therapists.

"She has been coming out of it much like a stroke patient, having to learn to reuse her vocal chords and muscles," Karen Johnson explained. Two months ago, Stefani began using her vocal chords to make inarticulate noises, and about two weeks ago her speech therapist succeeded in teaching her to say "no."

"Then (on Aug. 26) a nurse came into the room to do something for Stefani. I told Stefani to say 'thank you' and she parroted back 'thank you," Johnson said. By that evening, Stefani was parroting words readily, and soon afterwards she began to initiate creative conversation.

"It's still kind of mechanical-"The doctors never could give us sounding. It takes a lot of effort for any kind of timetable," said her her, and the words come out one syllable at a time," Johnson said. On ept. 4, Stefani returned to the rehabilitation wing of Harris Hospital for additional therapy.

"Literally, we know of people brain activity, giving physicians around the world who have been

praying for Stefani. We all have reason to be optimistic now," said Johnson, adding Stefani has been able to tell her father what kind of pizza she wanted and was able to talk on the phone with Carrie Bass.

"It was like somebody just turned on the switch. She still has a long way to go, but now she's really making progress," said Charlene Bass, Carrie's mother. "It just goes to show that we can't put time limits on God. We can't box him in.'

Bass noted Carrie, who was listed as critical herself and was unconscious for 20 hours after the accident, has made remarkable progress. Although she missed the end of the last school year, she was able to complete all of the work assigned to her through a homebound student program, and on Sept. 2 she entered the eighth grade at Wedgewood Middle School with the rest of her class.

Kelly Greene, daughter of Charles and Minnie Greene, underwent therapy of her legs throughout the summer and is progressing well, said Bass, church secretary at University Church. Melanie Tate is making slow progress recovering from her leg injuries. She still is mostly homebound and is not expected to be able to drive a car until after Christmas, Bass said.

A support fund for the familes of the accident victims has been established at University Baptist Church, 2720 Wabash, Fort Worth, Texas 76109.

Ken Camp writes for Texas Baptists.

OWERRI, Nigeria (BP) Southern Baptist missionaries Urban and Loretta Green were tied, beaten, and robbed recently in their home here, a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board official reported.

The Greens, both from Tulsa, Okla. were not hospitalized, said John Mills, the board's director for West Africa. Robbery is uncommon in small cities like Owerri but is on the rise in larger P&G sues cities in Nigeria, Mills noted.

Because of poor telephone service to Nigeria, no other information was available immediately.

Muslim convert: school in Britain

LONDON, England (EP) -Former rock star Cat Stevens, now a converted Muslim, has obtained permission to operate the first official Muslim State School in Britain, according to Danny Smith of Open Doors News Service.

Nine years ago Stevens, best known for his top-ten hit "Morning Has Broken," (a version of which is in the Baptist hymnal) gave up rock music

Abortion picketers are arrested

CINCINNATI, Ohio (EP) - A number of people have been arrested recently for violating a judge's order limiting anti-abortion picketing near a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. Some of the picketers were arrested for kneeling in prayer on public property near the clinic.

100th MK welcomed in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand - Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand welcomed their 100th missionary kid with the birth of Jennifer, daughter of

second-year missionaries Howard and Rebecca Craig from Virginia and Texas, respectively. In Thailand, 15 of the 100 sons and daughters of missionaries live on the field.

Eighteen are on furlough with their parents. Sixty-seven live in the United States, which says something about the age of Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand: within the next seven years, more than a third of them will be retiring.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (EP) - River Glen Park News, a newsletter that circulates among 140 residents of a mobile home park, has been hit with a \$1 million libel suit for publishing a story linking Procter & Gamble Co. with satanism.

The article said that Procter & Gamble's former logo, showing a moon and stars, was a satanic symbol. It also said that the company's president had appeared on the "Phil Donahue Show" and admitted that most of Procter & Gamble's profits go to the Church of Satan. Although this story has been authoritatively discredited, it still is spreading through the Christian community.

"I wish I hadn't put it in," said editor Don Cheney. He added that he thought the story was "so ridiculous and preposterous" that nobody would believe it, but one resident contacted the company with questions about the article. Cheney has said that he will print anything Procter & Gamble provides to atone for the earlier story.

Correction

The Aug. 28 issue of Baptist Record included a news short about the Christian Chamber of Commerce's new 24-hour phone referral service. That article referred to the Texas-based service as "Christian Yellow Pages." The correct name is Christian Chamber of Commerce Yellow Pages. "Christian Yellow Pages" is a registered tradename held by an organization in Modesto, California.

Proposed Texas state lottery appears dead

DALLAS (BP) — With the proposed Texas state lottery temporarily defeated and veto of a parimutuel bill rumored, opponents of gambling may have been tempted to breathe a very tentative sigh of relief when the first special session of the Texas legislature ended at midnight, Sept. 4.

"But until the veto is in hand, we can't afford to relax," said Weston Ware, associate director of the Texas Christian Life Commission.

Legislation that would have called for a November 1986 referendum on a

state lottery passed the Senate, but it died in the House Committee on State Affairs as legislators worked through the Labor Day weekend. A two-thirds vote would have been required in the House, and observers noted the bill lacked that level of support.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not Editor: necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld. Record of Aug. 28, "By any other

Share the concern

letter that appeared in the Aug. 28 Baptist Record. The writer criticized churches for being spiritually dry and criticized "God's people" (words of the writer).

The passage from Acts 5:29 is distorted by the writer. Peter is speaking openly before the high priest and council and not hiding behind dryness shall cease. anomymity.

If there is to be a solution to the "dryness" in the pulpit and inactiv-

I want to respond to the anomymous ity in the pew, it will come with the openness of concerned communication rather than through anonymous letters. I thank God for those who dared to disagree with this pastor, and out of the discussions that followed there came a sense of unity and a bond of fellowship. Share with your pastor your concern, and perhaps the

> Ken Pickens, pastor **Grace Baptist Church** Vicksburg

Check with God

I refer to the guest opinion in the name. Tagree with Bro. Hanvey and believe he had a very good description of what really is happening as churches seek pastors. "There is a better way." In supply work I find that many of our churches are confused over a "cafeteria-style system" for getting a pastor - a pick and choose system from many resumes. This could end with churches getting "a man sent from man" and not "a man sent from God." And, oh, yes! When you "dial a pastor," dial God first. Let God help. He is real good at this.

D. L. Callender McComb

BWA works with Soviet churches, urges new laws for churches

ATLANTA - Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Gerhard Claas reported to the recent annual to urge the adoption of new laws which could positively affect Baptist churches.

The new laws would for the first time allow children 10 years and older officially to attend church services. They may also allow ministers to speak at services in locations other than the church where they are registered, Baptist World Alliance Information Service reported.

Another aspect of the laws would possibly allow the founding of a church in a county, rather than a village jurisdiction if at least 20 believers age 18 or above are involved.

BWA President G. Noel Vose cited other developments in Albania, the German Democratic Republic, China meeting of the Southern Baptist Con- and Romania. He told the assembly vention that the BWA has been work- that the BWA has gained permission ing with churches in the Soviet Union to hold a Bible conference for church leaders in the People's Republic of China this month. He noted the completion of the new seminary building in Buckow, German Democratic Republic, and the granting of permission to build a 2,500-seat church in Romania, which would be the largest Baptist church building in Europe.

> Vose also reported that the BWA had been in contact for the first time with house churches in Albania and eventually expects to find a strong Christian presence there similar to that found since China has been opened to the outside world.

MC students become part "owners" of Chinese church



Volunteers work on a laminated beam from the deck of a scissor truss while helping construct Chinese Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif. The BSU at Mississippi College participated in the volunteer work in late May. Pictured are Ward Calhoun of Meridian; Don Miller, the construction superintendent; and Sean Fink of Jackson.

By Weaver McCracken

At noon on May 21, 20 students from MC's BSU met at the west end of the Student Center for a trip they hadn't expected. In just a few short hours we would depart from New Orleans International Airport, not for San Pedro Sula, Honduras, but instead for San Francisco.

Had the decision to change projects in late April been a good one? We had no idea of the great experiences that lay ahead. For nine days we lived, ate, worked, and played with some of the dearest Chinese Christians most of us will ever know.

This small church of about 200 members had committed itself to build a facility that would be adequate in a continuing ministry within the community of San Jose.

They had committed themselves to reaching as many of the 10,000 potential members of the community as they could. When we arrived, and saw their zeal and felt their warmth and commitment of faith, we could do nothing else than commit ourselves to the hard work ahead.

We all somehow made it through the rigorous schedule, learning how to drive a straight nail and being deprived of personal time alone. We had had the time of our lives, but we were ready to come home. And because we went, each of us will always feel ownership in a part of that Chinese Baptist Church in San Jose.

Weaver McCracken is BSU director, Mississippi College.

HMB staffers leave board for other businesses

Southern Baptist Home Mission Board employees have resigned to pursue personal business opportunities.

Everett Hullum Jr., who has been employed by the agency for 16 years and has edited Missions USA magazine since 1982, began new responsibilities Sept. 1 with Citizens and Southern Bank of Atlanta. He will edit employee publications for the banking

Jim Lewis Jr., a 13-year employee, has begun a private consulting firm in Birmingham, Ala., where he advises churches and associations in department.

ATLANTA (BP) - Three long-time long-range strategy involving growth, ministry and mission impact on communities. Most recently he has been assistant for the vice president for the board's missions division and in 1983 was named director of the associational missions division.

Glenn Sheppard, who has been special assistant in spiritual awakening for the evangelism section for the past six years, will leave the board at the end of September to launch International Prayer Ministries in Atlanta. He has been employed by the board since 1979, when he was named director of the personal evangelism Oakland, Corinth,

Swor to lead USM meet

Chester Swor of Jackson will lead the "Come to Life" Fall Awakening at the University of Southern Mississippi Baptist Student Union Oct. 1-3. The services will begin at 6:30 each evening. Three choirs from the campus will be involved in presenting music each night. On Friday night, Priority, A Christian music group from Mississippi College, will present a concert after the service.

Swor will also speak to the USM Campus Ministers Association, Oct. 2. and will have a brown bag luncheon meeting with students that same day. He will be available on Thursday

afternoon and most of the day Friday for individual appointments with

The USM-BSU Fall Awakening committee has been at work planning and preparing for this campus-wide event since last April. Members of the committee are Renita Ponder, Mendenhall: Shannon Toler, Foley, Ala.: Sara Simpson, Hattiesburg; Steve Cowan, Hattiesburg; Neal Castleberry, New Orleans, La.; and Larry Ponder, BSU president, Mendenhall. Wil McCall is BSU director and Marilyn Bedford is associate

ly to board an early plane for New Delhi. Soldiers were drilling at the far side of the airfield, preparing to welcome their king home from Dhaka. The king's flight was due in about the time mine was due out, so guess which one was cancelled.

The morning before I spent the

night in India, I walked into the air-

port in Kathmandu, Nepal, supposed-

Solon Karthak, a Nepali friend, arranged with some difficulty to get my friend, Joan, and me on a 2:30 afternoon flight instead of the 7 p.m. one we'd been assigned. On the plane in mid-afternoon we ate chicken ke-bobs. Through the window to our right, all the way to Delhi, high white peaks of the Himalayas pointed to blue sky.

By pre-arrangement, a travel agent was to meet us at the airport in Delhi. Naturally he had come at an earlier time, not knowing the king had kept us in Nepal overtime. After our arrival at 4:30, we got some rupees (11.95 to the dollar) and then Joan called Mercury Travel Agency. British type English, plus a poor connection, made it difficult for her to hear exactly, but she understood them to say for us to wait for their representative outside the door near the money exchange desk.

We stood outside the doorway, facing the parking lot, beside our unwieldy luggage carts. Quite a few men, who looked like the hobo type, lounged about near us. Not a woman was in sight. One man came over and mumbled some sort of greeting. Not being sure of the nature of friendship he had in mind, we managed to ignore him. Soon a little semi-circle of men gathered, to stand gazing silently at us. It was a bit disconcerting, to say the least. I would have really liked to know what they found so interesting about us.

"Maybe we need to go to the door of the main lobby to wait," Joan said to

"But I thought the man was to meet

"I think he could have meant the other door," she decided.

celebrates 25th

Oakland Church, Corinth, will celebrate its 25th anniversary, Sept. and 21 Saturday's activities clude, special music, church-wide barbeque, a time of fellowship and games, and messages by former pastors: Wayne Watts, William Owens, Julian West, and Tommy Vinson. Randy Bostick, pastor, will preach Sunday morning. Following a covered dish meal at noon, an anniversary celebration will be held. M. Glenn Smith, first pastor of the church, will be guest speaker. A reception will conclude the activities.

We are told that every man has his price, but some hold bargain sales.

Faces And Places by anne washburn me williams One night in India

misshapen wheels that absolutely refused to go the way I wanted them to go. (I never could even push a grocery cart straight.) I was going so crooked the onlookers probably decided I was drunk. A barefoot little boy with big brown eyes grabbed one end of my cart and helped me guide it. When we stopped at the other entrance, I gladly placed a tip on his tiny outstretched hand.

We waited an hour and a half. Dark began to settle down. Should we try to get a taxi and forget the travel guide? We had no idea what he would look like. I was imagining an Englishman in a business suit. Just then a tall dark Sikh wearing a black turban stepped up and said, "Gurpreet Singh. Are you McWilliams and Peterson?" Could this be he? If not, then how did he know our names?

You should have waited at the other door," he began berating us. "I've looked for you an hour!" So that's why he was late! He snapped his fingers and a taxi stopped.

Despite the tall palms in front of it, the Imperial Hotel reminded me immediately of England. We walked on green and white striped carpet down a wide hall to our first floor room. Green and white wallpaper and white woodwork decorated the high ceilinged room where the furniture, too, looked English - twin beds, a desk, two easy chairs, and a tea table.

I punched a couple of buttons to turn on the lights, and grasped the doorknob to see if it were locked. It turned in my hand, and a man walked in without knocking. Another followed him and began to fold down the cover on the beds. (Not until later did I figure out that maybe I punched a button to call them when I thought I was turning on the lights.) Anyhow, for a few minutes, men seemed to be coming out of the woodwork. The first man took our order for tea and muffins; another brought them; another brought a pitcher of cold water; another came to take the tray away. All wore white jackets with

My luggage cart had heavy stand-up collars (Nehru jackets we called them when they were popular

Despite all the niceties, I could not sleep. The bed was hard, and I knew we had to get up awfully early. The phone rang. Wrong number. Two more men arrived to check the plumbing.

At 4:45 a.m. a waiter knocked at the door. He had come to bring toast, jelly, and orange juice at 38 rupees for two (about \$1.50). He eagerly picked up the tract I'd left on the desk, glanced at it, and stuck it in his pocket. We planned to leave at 6:30 a.m. for a bus ride to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. That would be five hours ride each way, so we expected to be back around 10 that night. We quickly repacked, and checked our bags with a hotel attendant. That night we would pick them up, and go with Gurpreet Singh at 11 p.m. to the airport for a 3 a.m. departure for Rome.

In the early morning air, I was cold, even with my coat on. The driver's sweater barely covered his fat stomach, so he was smart to have worn a plaid coat too.

Buildings and streets of New Delhi are modern and beautiful, but in older sections of Delhi, it looked like most of the 7,000,000 of the city's inhabitants were out on the early morning streets. Many had stretched tarpaulins over little sections of sidewalk. This was what they called home. Between the makeshift tents stood charcoal braziers. People sat warming their hands over the coals. Along the streets we passed cows, trucks, dogs, old buses, bicycles loaded with mustard greens, army trucks, a Communist party sign, mud huts . . . As we drove on into the countryside we saw parakeets, rice and sugar cane fields, a camel pulling a cart, a girl herding goats, an old man selling peanuts, oxcarts, Land Rovers, tractors . . .

When we stopped for a break a few minutes at a restaurant, we saw an elephant and a horse and a couple of boys holding cobras. The boys wanted rupees for picture posing.

I saw the sun rise over a mosque. (Continued next week)

Thieves break into office of Hinds-Madison Association

The Hinds-Madison Baptist Association lost nine video recorders and a television monitor in a weekend burglary. The Jackson office on Lakeland Drive was broken into sometime after Saturday afternoon, according to James Webster, associational education director.

The thieves took only the recording equipment and apparently used large trash cans to transport their loot.

Webster said that the association's BTN service was only temporarily halted and should be back in business by the end of the week. Webster said insurance covered most of the loss.

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) - The Good News Bible in Today's English Version is 10 years old this year, more than 22 million copies have been circulated since the American Bible Society launched the news translation

in 1976. The Good News New Testament, once known as Good News for Modern Man, is exactly twice as old. Almost 75 million copies of that publication have been produced and distributed throughout the world.

Mt. Zion's day camp lasts all summer

Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County, held a day camp for children, one day a week, all summer. These camps were held every Tuesday morning from 9 to 12, from June 17 until Aug.

Mary Kimbrough, camp director, said it was the church's first time to try this type of event, and that all age groups were excited about it, and that she felt it was quite a success. One hundred fourteen children enrolled, with an average attendance of 76.

"It was a fun thing to do," said Mrs. Kimbrough, who is mother of the pastor, Wayne Kimbrough. "We had no shortage of workers. Lots of people wanted to help. It was a time for drawing closer together."

A church bus picked up the

children, kindergarten through sixth grade, for each of the mornings of Bible study, memory work, nature study, and crafts. Snacks were served at mid-morning. A nursery was provided for babies of the camp

On the last day of the camps, participants took part in a trip to the zoo in Jackson.

After the close of the camps, a special program was held, somewhat like commencement following VBS, to give the children a chance to show parents what they had learned, and to exhibit their craft work.

One woman who attended the camps with her child, as a result later made a profession of faith.



Mt. Zion first and second graders paint



Nursery was provided for workers at the Mt. Zion day camps.



Kindergarten children were so numerous they had to meet in two groups. This is Kindergarten II at Mt. Zion Day Camp, painting egg cartons.



Nature study was a part of the Mt. Zion day camps.

Turnpike, Pontotoc, celebrates 100th

Turnkpike Church, Pontotoc, celebrates it's 100th year, Sept. 28th. Homecoming services will begin at 10 a.m. with Lamon Owens and Bobby Caples bringing the morning messages. Lunch served at noon, special singing and renewing old friendships in the evening.

NEW ORLEANS, La. (EP) -Nearly a decade after the first ecumenical Charismatic Conference in Kansas City, more than 85,000 delegates from 30 denominations and Christian groups are expected Oct. 8-11 at two anniversary congresses

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College slates ELDERHOSTEL

the fall schedule for ELDER-HOSTEL, a week-long, residential program of study for adults 60 years of age or older. The Clinton college is one of five Mississippi schools participating in the international network of over 800 colleges and universities and this year will be offering three separate weeks for the senior adults.

The trio of one-week programs will all be different in content and will cover a wide variety of topics. Sessions are scheduled for Oct. 5-11, Nov. 16-22, and Nov. 30-Dec. 6.

Area residents wishing to ex-

Mississippi College has announced perience ELDERHOSTEL may participate in the Mississippi College programs as commuters. Each program week will be limited to ten commuters and will be filled on a first-come, firstserved basis. The registration fee of \$95 for commuters includes enrollment in the three courses of study planned for each week, field trips, admission fees, and extracurricular activities.

> The first week of ELDERHOSTEL. scheduled for Oct. 5-11, will include a study of the cotton culture, southern politics and politicians, and Mississippi architecture. The week will be

highlighted by visits to historic ex- Christmas traditions and music. Paramples of architecture and to a modern-day cotton plantation to observe harvesting techniques and ginning.

"The Vicksburg Campaign" will be the featured topic for the week of Nov. 16-22. Participants will visit the Vicksburg National Military Park. In addition, participants will also study southern politics and flood control along the Mississippi River. A tour of music. the Waterways Experiment Station is

A third ELDERHOSTEL, scheduled for Nov. 30-Dec. 6, will highlight pi College by calling 925-3264.

ticipants will study Christmas in the Old South, visiting historic locations and enjoying demonstrations of holiday decorations and traditional foods. In addition, the week-long study of opera will culminate with attendance at "The Christmas Gift," a faculty/student production of an opera written by Mississippi College's own James Sclater, associate professor of

Those interested in ELDER-**HOSTEL** should contact the Division of Continuing Education at Mississip-

Senior Adult Corner

also planned.

Seniors need ministry, gerontologist claims

DALLAS (BP) — With people living longer and spending fewer of their final years in infirmity, Southern Baptists cannot proceed with a "business as usual" attitude toward senior adults, warned Ben Dickerson, head of the Institute of Gerontology at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Southern Baptist churches need to prepare people how to live the onethird of their lives they will live in retirement, said Dickerson, addressing the Texas Chapter of the Southern **Baptist Association of Ministries with** the Aging during its recent annual meeting at Buckner Baptist Trew Retirement Village in Dallas.

Dickerson cited demographics showing the 85-year-and-older population as the fastest-growing age group in the country, noting it is expected to triple in size from 1980 to 2020. He also noted while the median age today is 31, by the turn of the century it is predicted to be 36, and by 2050 it is projected to be 42.

We must be creative in dealing with this challenge which is before us, working with our aging brothers and

sisters in Christ," he said.

Dickerson rejected the notion senior adults are committed most deeply to security and to new experiences. He said the deepest need is a "poverty of meaning" which the preaching of the gospel should apply.

Without meaning, security and novelty have no substance," he said. "We live in a society characterized by what some have termed an 'anxiety of meaninglessness.' The number one problem among the older people is boredom. To these people, we must present the gospel in all its richness."

While noting the majority of the elderly today live in eight states, he cited evidence of a counter-migration as a small group of elderly persons move from the Sun Belt back to their original homes in the North and East. Dickerson said Baptists need to create discipleship opportunities in those areas for persons who have made commitments to Christ while in the South.

"We need to develop a network of spiritual support groups in states where Southern Baptists traditionally have not been strong," he said.

Seminar on aging evolves from editorial in Baptist Record

A seminar on aging issues, spon- number of people read it and the role of the church in mobilizing sored by Mississippi College's Department of Sociology and Division of Continuing Education, is an outgrowth of an editorial in the Baptist Record.

Dorothy Carpenter, director of continuing education at MC, said she read an editorial by Don McGregor in the Jan. 16, 1986 issue of the Baptist Record concerning ministry of the aging and responded with a letter to the editor about an enrichment course on caring for the elderly. That course had had small registration until the letter was published. Mrs. Carpenter said a

registered.

So, the new seminar was designed because "there are needs for people to know what community resources are available to them to bring the whole thing into focus for dealing with the elderly," said Mrs. Carpenter.

The seminar will take place Oct. 13-14 at Holiday Inn Southwest in Jackson. The title is "The Challenge of Age: Issues, Programs, and Practice." Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., Oct. 13, and the program concludes at 4 p.m. the next day.

The program includes a session on

resources to help the aging. Other sessions concern retirement planning, long-term care, and elements of the grief process.

Workshop leaders will be David K. Brown, director of the Mississippi Council on Aging; Wanda McDonald-Brown, director of human services specialists; and Gary Mayfield, chairman of the Department of Sociology

For details on costs, contact Mrs. Carpenter at the continuing education office at MC, phone 925-3301.

Danish Baptist student achieves distinction

COPENHAGEN - A Danish Baptist student has achieved the highest distinction his school offers to its graduates. Peter Kurtzhals has been awarded the H. C. Orsted Medal by the Royal Danish School of Pharmacy. The award is for outstanding performance during a student's academic career at the university-level school. The award is not granted every year, but only when a student proves to be truly outstanding. In fact, Peter Kurtzhals had one of the highest gradepoint averages ever reached in Denmark. The award also includes a financial gift.

Peter became a Christian and was baptised in 1978, is an active member of the Kristuskirken Baptist Church in Copenhagen, and has been a youth leader for five years. But his Christian experience goes back much before that. "My mother took me to church as a child," he recounts.

He plans to continue training in scientific research for the next three years, in the school's doctoral program. "The Danish equivalent of a Ph.D.," explained Peter. He will be working in the extremely exacting field of drug-targeting, called Site-Specific Drug Delivery. . . Trying to get a better performance from the medicines we use and avoid the harmful sideeffects," he clarified.

Does he see any conflict between his studies in science and his Christian faith?

"One of the most strengthening experiences of my Chrisitan life was reading in bio-chemistry and discovering what wonderful things God has made. Some scientists seem to say, 'You see, Darwin was right.' I study and say, 'You see how amazing: God created all of us.'

What does Christ mean to this 23 year-old, whose hobby is soccer (" - when my Christian activities allow me time for it -")?

"Christ? He is my life. I want to be a tool in his hand, to reach the world for Christ. He will open the doors. I just want to be his humble servant, bearing his fruits."

So be it, Peter.



Bumper to bumper

Rush hour traffic is bad in any large city but Mexico City can expect it to get worse. This city is supposed to be the world's largest by the turn of the century. As Southern Baptists try to reach Bold Mission Thrust goals for sharing the gospel with everyone in the world by that time, they must send more missionaries to growing world cities where people live. (FMB) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

Rose will specialize during his retirement

By Jim Lowry

career of supporting the ministry efforts of program leaders, Morton Rose is looking forward to direct involvement with church staff members as he begins his retirement in October.

"I want to concentrate on offering assistance to pastors and other staff members who feel for one reason or another they must make a change in direction," Rose said, describing a Renew and Redirect ministry he will start in the summer of 1987

Rose, who is retiring Oct. 1 after 19 years at the Baptist Sunday School Board, will begin the Renew and Redirect ministry in cooperation with Paul Powell, pastor of Green Acres Church, Tyler, Texas, at a conference center near the church. Rose has been vice president for church programs at the board since 1979.

"It is often said that Southern Baptists shoot their wounded," Rose explained. "This is an effort to become a lifestream in the desert to heal and redirect the wounded.

"We hope to help ministers find a new sense of direction which will renew their vigor and commitment for challenges in a new work," he explained.

One part of the effort will be to establish a network of Christian

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--After a businessmen who will offer their time to assist displaced ministers.

Prior to beginning the Renew and Redirect ministry, Rose plans to move temporarily to Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., where he will teach church administration courses during the 1986-87 year.

Rose, who is 59, has been the pastor of churches in Missouri and Kentucky and an associational superintendent of missions in Missouri. He was the co-director of the missions division for the Missouri Baptist Convention prior to coming to the Sunday School Board as a program design consultant in

He is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, and holds three degrees from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was chairman of the coordinating committee of the Interagency Council from 1974-1982 when Bold Mission Thrust was developed.

Jim Lowry writes for the Sunday School Board.

Acts Network

Sat., Sept. 20

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Devotional

Thank God in all things

By Bruce Hill

I was asked to write devotionals for this month at the end of 1985, and the first thing that came to



mind was "What will my life be like next September?"

When given the opportunity to share our experiences, we like to be up-todate and not talk about some-

thing that happened fifteen years or so earlier. To me, writing a devotional is like this. I like to read a devotional that seems to come the author's daily experiences.

Life was peaceful at the time these thoughts began and it seemed this would be a perfect time to write. But then I thought, life isn't always like this. There are going to be ups and downs in the future.

Not many days later, my family and I lost our home and all our earthly possessions when our house was totally destroyed by fire. The days that followed were filled with so many blessings from God that even now the experiences seem unreal. But it was not a time for writing devotions. Almost every waking moment was filled with restoring the things centered around our home and caring for the needs of the family.

Surely, I thought, the day would come when I could just write a devotional thought that would be appropriate any day of the year. Well, the day finally arrived and the task could not be delayed and I realize that life is never going to

be constant. Like the ocean tide, the experiences will rise and fall.

One lesson that comes through is that God cares for us and as the song writer wrote, "Through it all, we can depend upon his Word."

We came to realize more and more every day the truth of I Thessalonians 5:18 that says, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Can you imagine giving thanks in all things? Why, we have awful things happen to us. Why would God say to give thanks?

In the first place, I see this verse as saying, no matter what happens in our lives we should give thanks to God because we know he will work all things to our good just as he promises in Romans 8:28 - if we love him and are the called according to his purpose.

How many people do you know or have you heard about that have had tremendous obstacles to face and with the help of God now have a living testimony that gives evidence of God working all things to their good?

If I had only one thought to share with another Christian I believe it would be that we need to continually trust God in everything. It is difficult at times to do this, for we are weak in the flesh and we want to walk by sight. But we are learning that the real blessings come when we walk by faith.

Father in heaven, help me to learn to give thanks in all things, for I know that it is all in your

Bruce Hill is publisher, Holmes County Herald, Lexington.

Thursday, September 18, 1986 Religious leaders meet to focus porn debate

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) - Religious leaders from Evangelical, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish bodies met July 25 to focus the pornography debate on "hard-core and child pornography." The group, representing a combined constituency of about 150 million, was brought together by the National Coalition Against Pornography (NCAP).

"Hard core pornography - the kind that promotes rape, violence and degradation — is not a conservative or liberal issue," said Jerry Kirk, a Presbyterian minister who heads NCAP. "It's a major problem all Americans need to confront. For some, pornography is a religious issue. For others, it is a moral issue. But for everyone, pornography has become a public safety issue. The safety of women and children compels us to take a united stand against this moral pollution." Kirk spoke several times in Mississippi in June.

The group rejected censorship, which they defined as "actions being taken against materials which are protected by the First Amendment." Instead, the group focused its attention on pornographic materials which have been found legally obscene, and therefore are not constitutionally protected. "We are in unanimous agreement that hard core and child pornography, which is not protected by the Constitution, is an evil which must be eliminated," said a communique released by the group.

Who lives, who dies, who decides?

noon, in the new auditorium on the Ground Floor South. Cost is \$75.

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teleconference. St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson has elected to participate

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Guilt and the chemically dependent

Dr. Geary Alford, consulting kind of self-determined price we pay sychologist at Mississippi Baptist Chemical Dependency Center, responds to questions about guilt.

Do chemically dependent people

have a sense of guilt for what they do? Keep in mind that there is no one, single kind of chemically dependent person or personality. Just as with non-chemically dependent people, some people who are chemically dependent have a strong sense of guilt; and this ranges all the way to psychopathic persons who have little or no sense of guilt. Just as with depression, anxiety, and anger, guilt feelings are often reduced by chemicals. Nevertheless, most chemically dependent people do experience guilt at times, even profound guilt at their behavior.

What role does guilt play in chemical dependency and possibly treatment?

There are healthy and there are pathological uses of guilt. Often we humans, chemically dependent or not, tend to use feelings of guilt as a

for "bad behavior." By way of simple example is the fat person who says, 'Well, I know I'm going to feel guilty, but give me another slice of cheesecake." Guilt is thus used as a way of "paying for sin" and "clearing the account." This is what I refer to as pathological use of guilt, because its emphasis is on punishment and not on change. The healthy use of guilt and. I believe, the religious use of guilt should be to motivate and energize change. Guilt and punishment are usually easier to endure than is the anxiety and struggle to change. In fact, excessive emphasis on guilt for its own sake, tends to maintain bad behaviors since, after all, the person had "paid" for that bad behavior. Instead Jesus instructs us differently. In John 8:11, he does not command the sinful woman to go into the desert and gnash her teeth and cry with guilt but to go her way and sin no more. In other words, go your way and change your behavior. The healthy use of guilt is to motivate and energize change.

Questions addressed to Intensive Care are forwarded to Chaplain Joe Stovall at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center and are handled in consultation with Dr. Ed Burchak of the staff of the Chemical Dependency Center. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Missionaries in Indonesia use obstacles

By William N. McElrath MALANG, Indonesia (BP) Southern Baptist missionaries in Indonesia are turning an obstacle into an advantage as they help Indonesian Baptists start 500 new churches in five

The obstacle Baptists are turning around is resettlement. Often the government helps families move from the island of Java, one of the most densely populated areas in the world, to another, less-populated Indonesian

missionary Jerry Rankin of Clinton, Miss., was putting together a church in Jember, Indonesia, when 10 church families signed up for a governmentsponsored project. Soon they all had moved to new homesteads near Jambi in the southern part of the island of

Similar incidents have left other churches in disarray.

In the past, resettled church members have strayed from their Christian lives or have not been able to find other Baptists or to start a fellowship in their new home. But this A few years ago Southern Baptist summer, missionaries launched a pro-

ject to locate, list and maintain contact with resettled Indonesian Baptists.

for registeration information.

Now those who have moved will form the core for new churches in their new hometowns.

Southern Baptist missionary Von Worten, a church starter from Pawhuska, Okla., will oversee the project, cataloging names and addresses of resettled members and channeling the information to Baptists in remote resettlement areas.

Every two or three months, teams of three to five missionaries will work Indonesia.

five to 10 days in resettlement areas. They will visit, preach, teach, and encourage local Baptists in outreach.

In some areas, missionaries with expertise in medicine, agriculture or theological education also will visit.

Resettlement areas have shown an openness to the gospel but are difficult places to locate missionaries, Worten

This plan may take advantage of the situation while working around the problems.

McElrath is a missionary to

year, leaving a vacancy Reagan has

yet to fill. Although numerous

religious bodies have urged the presi-

dent to leave the position vacant, he

is expected to fill it.

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Committee asks for Vatican case review

WASHINGTON (BP) - Calling argued the high court should review President Reagan's appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican a "blatant violation" of the First Amendment's demand of government impartiality toward various faiths, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has asked the Supreme Court to review lower decisions upholding the action.

In a friend-of-the-court brief written by its general counsel, Oliver S. Thomas, the Baptist Joint Committee Thomas wrote.

the case because Reagan's action more than two years ago conferred upon the Roman Catholic Church a status not enjoyed by any other religious group.

"Perhaps the most fundamental guarantee of the establishment clause of the First Amendment is that government cannot act in a way that prefers one religion over another,"

Reagan announced the appointment of long-time political advisor William A. Wilson as ambassador to the Holy See in January 1984, ending a 117-year period during which the United States was forbidden by Congress to establish formal diplomatic ties with the Vatican. An action by the U.S. Senate in November 1983 cleared the way for re-establishing such ties by repealing the 1867 ban.

Wilson resigned his post earlier this-

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Names in the News

Grady J. Ross was ordained to the gospel ministry, Aug. 31, at Baxterville Church, Lumberton.



pastor of Dixie Church, Hattiesburg, gave the charge to the candidate, and Perry Dill, bus director of Central Church, Hattiesburg, gave the charge to the church. Randy

Billy Johnson,

Davis, pastor, First Church, Vancleave, gave the ordination sermon and Ronnie McCall, minister of music and youth of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, presented special music. Others on program were Karl Swanson, deacon, First Church, Vancleave; Benny Rayborn, Mark Rayborn Jr., Jake Sones, and Joe Beach, interim pastor, Baxterville Church.

Ross is a student at William Carey College. He was licensed by Graceland Church, Vancleave. Ross did his ministerial internship at Dixie Church, Hattiesburg, and is serving as minister of youth at Baxterville

He is originally from Biloxi, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Ross of Vancleave.

Eddie Corley, a student at Blue Mountain College, has recently surrendered to the music ministry. Eddie, 31, is married to the former Deborah Latrip, and they have three sons. He is a deacon at First Church,

Corley is available for supply and revival type work. Roy McHenry is pastor of First Church, Okolona.

Ronnie Cottingham, a fulltime music evangelist from Lucedale, has



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C. C. Ard is available for pastoring. interim pastor, pulpit supply, and revivals. He can be reached at Rt. 6, Box 247, Pontotoc, MS 38863, or phone 601-489-3830.

John Sumner celebrated his 10th anniversary as Baptist Student Union director at Jones County Junior Col-



preciation for his being open to God's will and being open to stu-

lege on Aug. 26

after Morning

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was presented an

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as a token of ap-

Sumner dents at Jones. Allen Woodward, pastor, First Church, Ellisville, chairman of the Area Advisory Committee for Jones Jr. College BSU, was on hand for the occasion and made the presentation.

Former students, area pastors, and directors of missions from the eight county area were on hand for the

James Glass, minister of music at Woodland Hills Church, will celebrate his 10th anniversary with the church on Sept. 21. Glass, who is associate professor of music at Mississippi College, is a native of Dallas, Tex. and a graduate of Southwestern Seminary, University of Texas, and Hardin-Simmons University. He and his wife Betty, a teacher at Woodland Hills Academy, have one daughter, Kara,

Glass has served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference and currently serves on the executive board of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. A reception honoring Glass and his family will be held Sunday evening, Sept. 21, in Fellowship Hall, Woodland Hills. Bill L. Fuller is pastor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP - Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, vice president for development and public relations at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., has been named vice president for university relations at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala.

Bay Vista, Biloxi, will mark 25th anniversary

Bay Vista Church will observe its 25th anniversary of ministry in Biloxi on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 4215 Pass Rd., the same location where a quarter of a century ago it began as a mission with services held in a metal quonset hut. Originally sponsored by Pass Road Church of Gulfport, Bay Vista was formally organized as a church on Oct. 8, 1961, with 175 charter members.

Only one morning worship service will be held Oct. 5, with the guest speaker at 11 a.m. being Allen Stephens, who served as the church's fifth pastor, 1970-1977. Stephens presently is minister of First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

An old-fashioned dinner on the grounds will be served at noon, followed by an anniversary program of special music, testimonies, and a challenge for the future.

In conjunction with the anniversary observance a fall revival will run Sunday through Wednesday with Allen Stephens as evangelist at the 7 p.m. services. A former Bay Vista minister of music, Bill Wade, now at First Church, Silverhill, Ala., will be in charge of the revival music.

The Anniversary Planning Committee included William Young, chairman, Walt Racey, Lou Hayes, Faye Huff, Charlotte Wise, and Jerri Frith.

Revival Dates

Tent revival sponsored by churches in Union and Pontotoc Counties: Sept. 28-Oct. 3; six miles west on 346 Hurricane Road past 7cdds Grocery on right; 7 p.m.; Kara Blackard, evangelist; Charlie Cooper, music.

Arkabutla, Arkabutla: Sept. 21-26; John Floyd, vice-president for development, Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, evangelist; Charles Cavanaugh, pastor.

Johnson Creek (Greene): Sept. 21-26; Sunday School, 10 a.m., preaching, 11 a.m.; lunch served in fellowship hall, noon; services, 2 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m; Jimmy Knight, Laurel, evangelist.

First, Pearl: Sept. 21-25; regular services, Sunday; Mon.-Thurs., 12 noon, 7 p.m.; lunch served, Mon.-Thurs.; Gary M. Bowlin, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, music evangelist; Stanley B. Barnett, pastor.

Pineview, Hattiesburg: Sept. 28-Oct. 3; Truman Scarborough, pastor, First, Coffeeville, evangelist; Wayne Grothman, minister of music, White Sand, Prentiss, music; Paul Blanchard, pastor.

Mississippi Baptist activities

Sept. 26-27 GA Mother/Daughter Weekend; Camp Garaywa; 4 p.m., 26th-Noon, 27th (WMU).

Sept. 26-28 Mississippi Baptist Student Convention; Colonial Hgts. BC, Jackson; 4 p.m., 26th-10 a.m., 28th (SW)

-Homecomings

Grays Creek (Northwest): 116th Roger F. Johns, pastor; those attending are encouraged to wear the costumes of the (1870s) period; Paul Nunnery of the Children's Village, will be speaking on "Then and Now, in Mississippi's Largest Family," 10 a.m.; dinner-on-the grounds served at noon hour, followed by a country singing; anyone having information on former pastors, contact the church at 5020 Getwell Road, Hernando, MS

Moselle Memorial, Moselle: Oct. 5; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., Maurice Flowers, message; lunch served, fellowship hall; afternoon services planned; Garland Eaves, pastor.

Friendship, Aberdeen: Sept. 28; birthday; Oct. 5; begins at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m.; dinner, noon; special music, 1 p.m.; no evening services.

> First, Fairhaven, Olive Branch: Sept. 21; 25th anniversary; Jackie Cook, former pastor, speaker; Lemoyne Brigance, music; fellowship meal; afternoon service; Carl Hayes, pastor.

Belden (Lee): Sept. 28; James Welch, former pastor, speaker; covered dish luncheon in fellowship hall, noon.

Emmanuel, Greenville: Sept. 21; homecoming; Dennis Green, 11 a.m. speaker; dinner on the grounds; concert in the afternoon by Fred Pearson and the Homebound Boys; Bob Smith,

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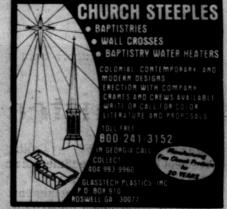
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Home Mission Board names new committee

(Continued from page 4) out they were unanimous in the selection of the new search committee.

"It was our prayerful desire that the search committee be representative of the constituency of the Home Mission Board," the statement said.

meeting if he felt the new search committee was balanced in representation of theological points of view, Hutchinson said he "was not going to respond to that" and repeated the prepared statement.

Hutchinson also would not predict when the search committee might make a recommendation for the presidency. "We don't want to put any pressure on the new committee," he said. "Everyone wants a new president as soon as possible, but we have leadership being given by Bob (205) 279-7108. Banks." Banks, executive vice presi-

dent, has been performing the duties of president since William G. Tanner resigned June 15 to become executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

In announcing appointment of the new committee, the officers requested Asked by reporters after the any Southern Baptist wishing to recommend a person for the presidency of the Home Mission Board should submit his or her suggestions to the new search committee chairman.

"It is necessary that any previous recommendations be resubmitted to the committee chairman, as well as any new recommendations," the officers said. "Recommendations may be addressed to the chairman as

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Jim Newton writes for the HMB.

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Donnie Guy has resigned the pastorate of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, to return to fulltime evangelism. He

will be working out of Biloxi, and is available for revivals, Bible studies, and interim work. lis new address is Rt. 1, Box 590H, Lot 18, Biloxi, Miss. 39532, phone 392-8586.

Temple Church, Union County, has recently called Doug Phillips as minister of youth and music. Phillips and his family moved from Batesville. He plans to attend Blue Mountain College next year. Richard Johnson is

Wouldn't it be wonderful if decency would make a comeback so we could read a book again?

Kay Cassibry joined the staff of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton as preschool director, August 1. She goes to Morrison



Cassibry

Miss Cassibry is graduate of Mississippi College and the **University of West** Florida.

Heights from Pen-

sacola, Fla.

Joey Hart, minister of music and youth of Spring Hill Church, Copiah County, has resigned to accept a position at Faith Church in Rankin County.

Harrisburg, Tupelo, has a new minister of childhood education Brenda Dedmon from Georgia.

Will Porter has accepted the call to be minister of youth at West Jackson Street Church, Tupelo.



First Church, Lucedale, honors its GAs with a recognition service. The theme was "A Wonderful World." Pictured (left to right) are on front row, Robin Platt, Brandye Dillon, Sarah Fryfogle, Alison O'Neal, Jeana Conner, Kimberly Fryfogle, Wendy Rhymes, Amy Holland, and Ashley Gilmore.

Second row, Holly Edwards, Natasha Gilmore, Jennifer Bailey, Tracie Curd, Rachel Gensemer, Joy Caldwell, Cassie Loftin, Jennifer O'Neal, Dianna Purvis, Candace Walker, and Zan Bragg.

Third row, Christy Gilmore, Kristy Parker, Robin Tanner, Nola Rhymes, Sherry Warren, Allison Wilson, Sara Riley, Eva Caldwell and Stacy Valentine.

Sherry Warren and Allison Wilson received Mission Adventure charms. John L. Walker is pastor.



Glendale Church, Hattiesburg, held its GAs, and Acteens Recognition Service, Aug. 20. Seven GAs were recognized for their accomplishments in mission adventures. Pictured from left are, Andrea Hall, Beverly Sims, Kelly Cameron, Jennifer Harless, Heather Sims, Jill Triggs, Lyndy King. Darlene Dillon, Acteen, was recognized as queen with scepter. Her attendant was Amy Wade. Theme for the program was "Jewels of the Kingdom." GA director is Jo Ann Eure, the leaders are Karen Harless and Sandy Cameron. Acteens leaders are Marcia Brock and Betty Brock.



Royal Ambassador Pioneers Kelly Watts and Chris Vaughn of Second Church, Greenville, were joined by their leader J. H. Kerr for the 7th National RA Congress at Memphis. The three helped in a Meals on Wheels project, delivering hot meals to those who are unable to provide for themselves. In each home they also presented a New Testament and read and had prayer with each recipient. Kelly and Chris were also involved in a world hunger race in which \$6,600 was raised. The group reports it is planning mission projects in their own community. Kerr, who is also RA director for Washington County, notes that the associational RA/GA mission camp will be held Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Second Church, Greenville, with Ralph and Gena Calcote, missionaries to Japan, as speakers.



Crestview Church, Petal, held ground breaking ceremonies, Aug. 10, for a new 70 ft. ×45 ft. addition to its present facility.

The addition will consist of an extension of the pastor's study, a conference room, a fellowship hall, storage room, kitchen, and restrooms. The labor will be donated by the men of the church.

Pictured, left to right, with shovels, are the building committee members, Joe Gardner; Curtis Waller, chairman; C. Raymond Parkin, pastor; Mickey Carley; Archie Gardner; and Danny Evans.



Harold Lollar Sr., left, presents an ordination certificate to Mark Shaferly, who was recently baptized and ordained at Pine Forest Church, Collinsville, where Lollar is pastor. Lollar told the Baptist Record the young man had visited a brother who lives in the area, attended church at Pine Forest, and liked the Baptist way. He's made application to the Navy for chaplaincy work, but in the meantime has returned to his native Dayton, Ohio, to do missions work on his own.



Correction

This picture of Viola Campbell with her pastor Johnny Hathcock was in last week's **Baptist Record**. Hathcock was misidentified last week as Johnny Parker.

Church presents circus

First Church, Calhoun City, presented circus day for missions, Aug. 4. Over 80 Missions Friends and parents participated in the event. The Curtis Sturdivant family presented a karate demonstration and the Ted Plunk family presented a horse show. Anthony S. Kay, pastor, and Jim

First Church, Calhoun City, Keyser, minister of music and educaresented circus day for missions, tion, assisted with preparations.

Each person brought a gift for "Christmas in August." The gifts was delivered to the chaplain at Tarrant County Baptist Association in Fort Worth, Tex.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

Who is to be an intercessor? Paul does not cull anyone

By James W. Street Exodus 32:30-32; Ephesians 6:18-20; James 5:13-16

The life of the Christian is lived in a healthy tension between solitude and community. The self is not swallowed up in community, but



neither is the community to be consumed by the self. You are called into the community, but the call is not for you alone. In the community of the called you bear your cross, you struggle with doubts, fears, and faith and you pray for yourself and for

Street Praying for others is intercession. Intercession is to bring our brother/sister into the presence of God and to see him/her under the cross of Christ as a fellow human being realizing that we are both sinners saved by his grace. When we see that way, everything that repels us or keeps us from praying for him/her falls away. To make in-

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tercession means to grant to them the same right that we have received, namely, to stand before Christ and share in his mercy.

That marvelous exemplar of faith in the Old Testament, Moses, is instructive in this matter of intercession. At least twice in Exodus 32 Moses intercedes for Israel. The people had fashioned a calf of gold in Moses' absence and were dancing around it in a frenzy of pagan idolatrous worship. God is very angry with the people and Moses intercedes for them. Apparently, the wrath of God is ameliorated by the actions and attitude of Moses.

Who is to be an intercessor? Paul writing to the Ephesians does not cull anyone. Apparently, his words are for the entire church and he entreats them all to pray for him. Logically, we may assume that any child of God can and tercessory prayer.

On a recent overseas mission trip five people rediscovered the benefits of having specific people praying for them and for their mission. One lesson learned in pre-mission orientation was the powerful suggestion from the Foreign Mission Board that each missionary recruit several prayer partners. Each of the five did exactly as suggested and the results were electrifying.

I have been mulling over in my mind how to galvanize the already considerable intercessory prayer effort in our church to be as finely honed and as carefully directed as the prior experience. There are needs just as critical, and praying people enough to make a terrific impact on local problems, but coordindation is a difficult matter.

So, let's ask what to pray about? In a word everything! Pray for God's agenda to be our agenda, pray for boldness, tact, fresh-faced enthusiasm, pray for matters spiritual, for things should spend time in prayer for others. You see, material, and for everyday physical needs.

others need your energizing, invigorating in- Pray for strangers, enemies, and loved ones. And pray for health.

In view of what science and research has demonstrated in the relationships of psychosomatic characteristics to the human personality and illness, we will want to pray for the health of other people. James evidently believed in the healing nature of the church's prayers. I have seen terrible examples of individuals misusing and abusing this text in the atmosphere of a carnival approach to prayer.

As I move through life and ministry and as those two intercept at a spot called death bed, I find myself understanding that God heals two ways. He does indeed interrupt what we know as the human process to reverse a critical physical situation and bring that person back to normal life and health. I also sense God healing that horrendously sick or injured person through the tender mercy of death. For that person is forever cured of all the vicissitudes of the veil of tears.

Pray without ceasing!

James Street is pastor, First, Cleveland.

lalachi: God's charges against priests and people

By Marjean Patterson Malachi 1:1 - 2:16

Have you ever felt that you'd reached the end of your rope? Thing were just so bad you felt as if no one, anywhere, really cared at all about

what happened to you? The

Patterson

author of the book of Malachi was well acquainted with this feeling.

Times were hard. Few prophets ever faced a more difficult situation. It seemed to be the bottom of the ninth inning; time was running out; God seemed to have forgotten all about his

Malachi was the last of the prophets, and in a real sense, he was the representative of all the prophets, standing before the people who knew God, but who had not been faithful to God, and telling them, "It is later than you think."

The book of Malachi would be followed by 400 "silent years" - then the Messiah himself would come to the people.

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I. God's love for his people (1:1-5)

In impudent questions which seemed to be thrown at the prophet, the ingratitude of Israel is shown toward God.

God's love had been manifested to his people down through the ages. He had been shown to be all-loving and all-powerful. Time after time he had blessed his people and delivered them from oppression. That made the ingratitude of Israel all the more inexcusable.

II. God's charges against the priests (1:6-9) When the prophet reminded the priests how they had despised God, the priests expressed surprise at the charge. "How did we do that?" Malachi reported that God told them, "Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar." The sacrifices they brought were unclean, and yet they asked, "Wherein have we polluted thee?" God told them, "In that ye say, The table of the Lord is contemptible." They said in effect that it does not amount to much to serve God.

God was watching the littleness of the Jews.

Malachi reminded them that God saw everything they did. They were offering upon his altar animals that were blind, sick, and lame. To the prophet, that was like serving a dish of rotten food to an honored guest.

III. God's judgement for the priests (2:8-9) The mission of the priests was twofold. First of all, they were to be informed, "to guard knowledge." Second, they were to remember that they were messengers of the Lord of hosts, communicating his word and making his will known to the people.

The priests of Malachi's day had failed to fulfill their mission. As punishment, they would lose the confidence and respect of people and would become despised and abased in their

IV. God's condemnation of the people for divorce (2:13-16)

A corrupted priesthood had helped to produce corrupt people. This was especially true in the realm of marriage and divorce. The Jews were putting away their wives and marrying pagan women. They could not understand why the Lord no longer accepted their sacrifices with

There follows an innocent-sounding question from the Jews. The people were saying, "Why should you blame us for the thing that have happened? You accuse us of doing wrong; where have we done anything wrong?" Apparently the priests had not taught them the Law of God.

The prophet used the figure of the attachment between husband and wife to point up the attachment between the believer and God. The relationship between the believer's heart and God in heaven should be as close as the relationship between husband and wife. They belong to each other.

As the divorce between a man and woman breaks communication, when the believer allows anything to come between God and him, communication is broken.

The pain brought to those who suffer the trauma of divorce can be eased by loving, caring people who model in their lives the teachings of Jesus. Let us love one another, and be forgiving toward each other, since not one of us is qualified to stand in judgment of

Marjean Patterson is executive director, Mississippi WMU.

God's promise is sure: God has not torgotten us

By Robert E. Self Genesis 17

Most of us have made promises to other people and have had promises made to us. And, many of those promises have been kept. We



have a way of remembering those that for one reason or another have been broken. Every father remembers a time when he was confronted by a son who felt that dad had made a commitment to do something but the commitment had not been kept. Often the pastor is called upon to counsel

people over marital problems caused by one or the other failing to abide by the promises of the wedding day. Almost always, one of the members has failed to keep the promises.

We can be thankful that the promises of God are much more steadfast than those of men.

I. Encounters (Genesis 12-16, 17:1)

We are not told very much about the earliest encounters between God and Abram. The first meeting that we learn about occurred in Mesopotamia prior to Haran. God again spoke

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to Abram in Haran when Abram was 75 years old. The encounter of the present study came when he was 99, twenty four years later.

We ought not to assume that God did not say anything to Abram during those years. It is likely we aren't told of other encounters.

God identified himself as God Almighty, El Shaddai. The title stresses the completeness, integrity, and power of God. The commandinvitation to Abram was for him to live righteously before the Lord and men.

II. Promises (Genesis 17, 2-8)

God's plan with Abram was to establish a covenant with him. The word for covenant is berith. There are three or four major ideas in the word itself, a couple of which are important to us. The first has to do with the fact that God enters into a relationship in a voluntary way. He determines to be in an agreement with Abram for specific reasons. On his part, God made certain promises for his own purposes.

The second idea relates to Abram's responsibility in the covenant. The word itself implies an agreement that involves a commitment by the second party as well. He is to obey and to live as God has ordained.

God's promise to Abram was for blessings and to multiply his descendants. A sign of that promise rests in God changing his name from Abram to Abraham, from "exalted father" to "father of a multitude." The covenant was to be an everlasting one producing not only many descendants, but a whole line of kings.

III. Beginnings (Genesis 17:15-19)

God began to work through Sarai by changing her name to Sarah, the meanings of which are uncertain. It seems that her name was changed from "contentious" to "princess," though we are not sure.

The desire for a child led Abram to take a maid of Sarah's at her insistence and to have a child by her. God told them that this was not the child of the covenant through whom the promises would be fulfilled. The birth of Isaac was foretold and the covenant began to move toward fulfillment. Abraham and Sarah were astonished at such a prediction and Abraham laughed. From such unusual beginnings, God moved through Abraham to fulfill his great promises. Conclusion:

We can learn from our study that God doesn't break his promises, regardless of the time involved. Abraham and Sarah thought it unusual that at their age, they should be blessed as they were. God does not place age limitations on his promises to us.

We can find assurance for our lives in knowing that God is faithful. We must never give up on the hope that he has given to us. We can respond to him in faith because he will deal with in a trustworthy way. This holds true in a special way during the dark days of life. God has not forgotten us and he will take care.

One of the greatest areas of potential in our churches is among senior adults. They have experienced so many of his promises and have found him to be true. The words of a popular gospel song ring true, "The longer I serve him, the sweeter he grows."

The ultimate promise of God has to do with heaven. We are told in his word that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and that he will come again. Scoffers have laughed at Christians for holding out to that promise. His word is true and even that promise will be fulfilled. His people will be gathered together.

Robert Self is pastor, First, Brookhaven.

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Tennessee appeals court reverses PAC decision

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP) - The Ten- unconstitutional as applied to referen- cial forms within 48 days after the decision that had declared churches which speak out on referenda issues must file financial disclosure statements.

On a 2-1 vote, the three-member Court of Appeals ruled the Tennessee Campaign Financial Disclosure Act is

Acts Network

Fri., Sept. 19

6:00 p.m. LIFE TODAY: Special guest is Mitchell Carnell, author of 'Speaking in Church Made Easy." Also, a field report of "Churches in the Sun" from the Home Mission Board.

Mon., Sept. 22

1:30 p.m. PSYCHIATRY AND YOU: "The Money Diet." Frank Minirth, Paul Meier, Linda and Rich Case personal discuss management.

nessee Court of Appeals' western sec- da elections because it violates the tion has reversed a chancery court First Amendment right of free speech.

> However, the appeals court judges did rule such churches are "political campaign committees" - political action committees - under the disclosure act.

> The Aug. 21 memorandum issued by the appeals court was in response to a May 21 hearing on an appeal by 13 Jackson, Tenn., area churches.

> The 13 churches - nine of which are Southern Baptist - had declined to file disclosure forms related to their involvement in opposing on August 1984 local option liquor election. The referendum was defeated by 40 votes, 6,514 to 6,474.

On Aug. 29, 1984, Tennessee Attorney General Michael Cody issued an opinion that churches which had spent at least \$250 in seeking to defeat the liquor-by-the-drink referendum were "political action committees" and were subject to filing the finanelection.

The churches refused to comply and instead brought suit against the State of Tennessee on the grounds the Financial Disclosure Act as interpreted by the attorney general violates the freedom of religion guarantee of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The lawsuit was tried Aug. 7, 1985, in the Chancery Court of Madison County in Jackson. On Oct. 30, 1985. Chancellor Joe C. Morris ruled since the disclosure act does not specifically mention churches or church groups, they are not exempted from the act.

The churches filed an appeal with the State Court of Appeals which reversed the Chancery Court ruling

In the majority written opinion, justices noted the "Campaign Disclosure Act contains definite infringements upon free speech."

Sunday School enrollment indicator of baptism rate

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) - Tom larger than the resident church Lee, evangelism consultant in the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, told pastors attending a Sunday school leadership conference here churches tend to increase the number of baptisms when they have a larger number of persons who have not accepted Christ as their Savior enrolled in Sunday School.

He said a review of Uniform Church Letter statistics indicates churches

membership are more likely to have consistently high rates of baptisms.

"Sunday School enrollment higher than resident membership means you have unsaved people in the Sunday school," Lee said. By enrolling unsaved persons in Sunday school, churches move the mission field inside the church walls."

Lee pointed out that 7 out of 10 non-Christian adults who are enrolled in with a Sunday school enrollment Sunday School later accept Christ.

Soviets arrest Bible printers, re-arrest Baptist preacher

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R. (EP) - Six Baptists were recently sentenced to prison camps for printing Gospels in the Moldavian language, according to a report from International Representation for the Council of Evangelical **Baptist Churches of the Soviet Union**

The publishing team was only a few days away from completing an edition of 10,000 New Testaments when police raided the village house in Beltsy where they were working. The books and printing equipment were confiscated, and team members were held in prison for seven months before

Team members, ranging in age from 24 to 43, were sentenced to prison terms of up to three years.

IRCEBC also reports that Baptist preacher Veniamin Naprienko, 38, was re-arrested on July 23, just 14 days after his release from a prison camp where he had served a two-year

Natasha Naprienko reports that on July 18 she and her husband went to the local police station to complete paperwork on his residence documents. The police chief refused to approve the application, and warned that Veniamin would be arrested if he did not leave Moscow within 72

The Naprienkos took their five children to Petushki, a town several hours away from Moscow, to the home of Veniamin's brother. On July 23 police appeared and demanded identification documents from everyone in the house. Veniamin was arrested and sentenced to 15 days in dail.

Veniamin Naprienko is one of the pastors of a Baptist church in Moscow. Vladimir Zinchenko, another minister of that congregation, is serving a three-year strict regime sentence. IRCEBC reports that a total of 150 Baptists are serving terms in Soviet prison camps for in connection with their faith.

Bowmans help med team fit glasses in Chile

By Wanda Carpenter Dobbins

A Chilean woman returned home crying. Too emotional to even talk with her family, they wondered what could have happened to her. Finally, she reached into her purse and pulled out a pair of eye glasses. Instantly, her family understood she was experiencing joy.

A young mother who also received glasses cried with the same joy: "Now I can see the faces of my babies for the first time!"

Both had been fitted with glasses by Mississippi Missionaries Vic and

Martha Bowman, with the assistance

of Optometrist Sam Smart and Pastor Larry Haun, both volunteers from Fredericksburg Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, Va.

A five-member volunteer medical team (two dentists, an optometrist, a

ent God sent me!"

nurse, and a pastor) worked in Antofagasta, Chile, shortly after the arrival of new missionaries Vic and Martha Bowman.

help with translation and to assist in the selection and fitting of eyeglasses. The Fredericksburg church sent more than 700 pairs of glasses with labeled prescriptions to be used in the medical project.

There were often tears of joy and "Look at the birthday pres- expressions of gratitude as some 300 persons received glasses. Most of the patients were non-Baptists, having been referred by Chilean schools, nursing homes, and social service

One patient noted after being fitted sionary in Chili.

Vic and Martha were enlisted to with glasses, "Look at the birthday present God sent me!" Indeed, his birthday was the following day.

The glasses and the ministry of Vic and Martha Bowman have been gifts from God for many more since the team left to return to Fredericksburg. Weekly the missionaries have been able to fill local prescriptions out of the surplus of glasses left by the team.

Vic was pastor of the Cross Roads Baptist Church in Pelahatchie before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984.

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Pastor Larry Haun, Optometrist Sam Smart, and Missionary Vic Bowman of Pelahatchie, (all standing, left to right) with group of senior citizens of Taltal, Chile, all of whom received glasses.



Missionary Martha Bowman of Brandon, Miss., (right) and Pastor Larry Haun of Fredericksburg, Va., fit glasses for a 96-year-old Chilean woman, her first glasses. She was asked to read John 3:16 to test the glasses for clarity.



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